

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2902**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH MARCH, 2018/ PHALGUNA 22, 1939 (SAKA)

INTERVIEW OF PRISONERS

**2902. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:
SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications received from private individuals/media persons/NGOs to access prisons or interview prisoners after the 'Guidelines for allowing visit inside jails by individuals/NGOs/Company/Press for the purposes of undertaking research, making documentary or interviewing inmates, etc.' were issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs on 24th July, 2015, State-wise; and

(b) the total number of such permissions granted, State-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)**

(a) & (b): 'Prisons' is a State subject as per Entry 4 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. Processing requests from private individuals/media persons/NGOs etc. to access prisons for interviewing prisoners is the responsibility of respective State / UT Governments. The competent authority to grant permission in such cases is the Home/ Prison Department of the concerned State/UT. Information about such applications and permissions granted is not maintained centrally.
