

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †5229**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27TH MARCH, 2018/ CHAITRA 6, 1940 (SAKA)

VACANCIES IN STATE POLICE

†5229. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of posts are vacant in police departments in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of vacancies in police department, State and UT-wise including Maharashtra and other States affected by violence;

(d) whether the Government has made any suggestion to the States and police departments in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the States and police departments thereto; and

(f) the additional steps taken by the Government to fill all the vacancies in the States especially the States affected by communal violence, revolt and naxalism in a time bound manner?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. As per data compiled by Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D), as on 1.1.2017, there are 4,43,524 vacant posts in police departments in all the States and Union Territories, against the total sanctioned strength of 19,89,295.

The vacancies in the service are caused due to factors such as retirement, resignation, death etc. All these factors are recurring in nature.

(c): The details of the number of vacancies in police department, State and UT-wise is given at Annexure-I.

(d) to (f): As 'Police' is a State subject falling in List-II of seventh schedule of the Constitution of India, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to fill all the vacancies posts in their respective State in time bound manner. The Centre advises the States from time to time for taking requisite action in this regard.

Further, the issue of vacancies in police forces of 10 Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected States is regularly monitored by the Government. Recently the matter has been reviewed by the Cabinet Secretary as well as the Union Home Minister and States have been advised to take suitable action for filling up the vacancies.

State/UT- wise Vacancies in Police Force- as on 1.1.2017

Sl. No.	States	Vacancy
1.	Andhra Pradesh	9334
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	908
3.	Assam	6858
4.	Bihar	29821
5.	Chhattisgarh	5345
6.	Goa	456
7.	Gujarat	25920
8.	Haryana	16464
9.	Himachal Pradesh	503
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	2477
11.	Jharkhand	21968
12.	Karnataka	19988
13.	Kerala	-87
14.	Madhya Pradesh	10596
15.	Maharashtra	10729
16.	Manipur	6624
17.	Meghalaya	1119
18.	Mizoram	722
19.	Nagaland	-941
20.	Odisha	4918
21.	Punjab	6562
22.	Rajasthan	14242
23.	Sikkim	-17
24.	Tamil Nadu	-4904
25.	Telangana	12115
26.	Tripura	2183
27.	Uttar Pradesh	204367
28.	Uttarakhand	1302
29.	West Bengal	32293
30.	A & N Islands	153
31.	Chandigarh	701
32.	D & N Haveli	16
33.	Delhi	88
34.	Daman & Diu	116
35.	Lakshadweep	158
36.	Puducherry	427
	All India Total	443524

Sources: BPR&D