

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4863**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23rd JULY, 2019/ SHRAVANA 01, 1941 (SAKA)

PRISONERS POPULATION

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of prisoners in the country including undertrial detainees and remand prisoners, State-wise;

(b) the number of prisoners languishing in jails for more than 15 years separately for pre-trial detainees and remand prisoners along with the number of women prisoners;

(c) whether the Government plans to release the prisoners who have served a term of 15 years or more and pre-trial detainees who have been incarcerated for more than 10 years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

(a) and (b): National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) compiles prison statistics in its publication "Prison Statistics India". Published reports are available till the year 2016. State/UT-wise number of prisoners including undertrial detainees lodged in the jails across the country as on 31.12.2016 are given in Annexure-I. Details of remand prisoners are not maintained by NCRB. The details of undertrial prisoners, including women, confined in jails for a period above 5 years as on 31.12.2016 are given in Annexure-II.

(c) & (d): 'Prisons' and 'persons detained therein' are State subjects as per Entry 4 of List II of Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. States are competent to take appropriate decisions in their jurisdictions as per provisions of law to provide relief to prison inmates.

State/UT-wise Number of Prisoners as on 31st December, 2016

| Sl. No. | State/UT | Total |
|---------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | ANDHRA PRADESH | 7267 |
| 2 | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 214 |
| 3 | ASSAM | 8611 |
| 4 | BIHAR | 33102 |
| 5 | CHHATTISGARH | 18631 |
| 6 | GOA | 448 |
| 7 | GUJARAT | 12438 |
| 8 | HARYANA | 17654 |
| 9 | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 2192 |
| 10 | JAMMU & KASHMIR | 2688 |
| 11 | JHARKHAND | 17173 |
| 12 | KARNATAKA | 14843 |
| 13 | KERALA | 7073 |
| 14 | MADHYA PRADESH | 37649 |
| 15 | MAHARASHTRA | 31438 |
| 16 | MANIPUR | 624 |
| 17 | MEGHALAYA | 833 |
| 18 | MIZORAM | 1161 |
| 19 | NAGALAND | 413 |
| 20 | ODISHA | 15303 |
| 21 | PUNJAB | 22598 |
| 22 | RAJASTHAN | 20363 |
| 23 | SIKKIM | 324 |
| 24 | TAMIL NADU | 14873 |
| 25 | TELANGANA | 6219 |
| 26 | TRIPURA | 929 |
| 27 | UTTAR PRADESH | 95336 |
| 28 | UTTARAKHAND | 4200 |
| 29 | WEST BENGAL | 22969 |
| | TOTAL (STATES) | 417566 |
| 30 | A & N ISLANDS | 183 |
| 31 | CHANDIGARH | 768 |
| 32 | D & N HAVELI | 120 |
| 33 | DAMAN & DIU | 59 |
| 34 | DELHI | 14058 |
| 35 | LAKSHADWEEP | 7 |
| 36 | PUDUCHERRY | 242 |
| | TOTAL (UTs) | 15437 |
| | TOTAL (ALL-INDIA) | 433003 |

Source: Prison Statistics India

**State/UT-wise Number of Undertrial Prisoners confined in jails above 5 years
as on 31st December, 2016**

| Sl. | State/UT | Male | Female | Total |
|-----|--------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| 1 | ANDHRA PRADESH | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| 2 | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | ASSAM | 18 | 1 | 19 |
| 4 | BIHAR | 140 | 3 | 143 |
| 5 | CHHATTISGARH | 36 | 2 | 38 |
| 6 | GOA | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | GUJARAT | 243 | 9 | 252 |
| 8 | HARYANA | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| 9 | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| 10 | JAMMU & KASHMIR | 171 | 3 | 174 |
| 11 | JHARKHAND | 266 | 17 | 283 |
| 12 | KARNATAKA | 61 | 1 | 62 |
| 13 | KERALA | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | MADHYA PRADESH | 68 | 2 | 70 |
| 15 | MAHARASHTRA | 279 | 5 | 284 |
| 16 | MANIPUR | 17 | 0 | 17 |
| 17 | MEGHALAYA | 13 | 0 | 13 |
| 18 | MIZORAM | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 19 | NAGALAND | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 20 | ODISHA | 81 | 2 | 83 |
| 21 | PUNJAB | 52 | 1 | 53 |
| 22 | RAJASTHAN | 238 | 5 | 243 |
| 23 | SIKKIM | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 24 | TAMIL NADU | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 25 | TELANGANA | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26 | TRIPURA | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | UTTAR PRADESH | 1691 | 35 | 1726 |
| 28 | UTTARAKHAND | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| 29 | WEST BENGAL | 298 | 11 | 309 |
| | TOTAL (STATES) | 3696 | 97 | 3793 |
| 30 | A & N ISLANDS | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 31 | CHANDIGARH | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 32 | D & N HAVELI | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 33 | DAMAN & DIU | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 34 | DELHI | 114 | 15 | 129 |
| 35 | LAKSHADWEEP | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 36 | PUDUCHERRY | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | TOTAL (UTs) | 118 | 16 | 134 |
| | TOTAL (ALL-INDIA) | 3814 | 113 | 3927 |

Source: Prison Statistics India