GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 225

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 02ND FEBRUARY, 2021/ MAGHA 13, 1942 (SAKA)

CCTV CAMERAS IN JAILS

225. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of jails in the country equipped with the facility of video conferencing;

(b) whether CCTV cameras are installed in all the jails in the country;

(c) whether all the equipment related to video conferencing and CCTV cameras are updated from time to time; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) compiles prison statistics reported to it by States and Union Territories (UTs) and publishes it in its annual report "Prison Statistics India". The latest published report is of the year 2019. As per the latest published report of NCRB, 808 jails in the country are equipped with the facility of video conferencing.

(b): State/UT-wise number of CCTVs installed in various prisons of the country as on 31st December, 2019 are given in Annexure.

(c) & (d): 'Prisons' is a State subject as per Entry 4 of List II of Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. Administration and management of prisons, including the setting up, maintenance and upkeep of equipment related to video conferencing and CCTV surveillance systems etc. is the responsibility of respective State Governments, who are competent to maintain and upgrade these equipments from time to time, as per requirement.

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SI No.	State/UT	Number of CCTVs
1	Andhra Pradesh	258
2	Arunachal Pradesh	58
3	Assam	200
4	Bihar	1044
5	Chhattisgarh	1612
6	Goa	17
7	Gujarat	2314
8	Haryana	552
9	Himachal Pradesh	366
10	Jammu & Kashmir @	1005
11	Jharkhand	1274
12	Karnataka	928
13	Kerala	826
14	Madhya Pradesh	592
15	Maharashtra	1580
16	Manipur	36
17	Meghalaya	74
18	Mizoram	0
19	Nagaland	11
20	Odisha	1520
21	Punjab	879
22	Rajasthan	1529
23	Sikkim	2
24	Tamil Nadu	67
25	Telangana	1061
26	Tripura	139
27	Uttar Pradesh	2757
28	Uttarakhand	77
29	West Bengal #	280
30	A & N Islands	8
31	Chandigarh	157
32	D&N Haveli *	25
33	Daman & Diu *	70
34	Delhi	1130
35	Lakshadweep	0
36	Puducherry	8
	Total	22456

State/UT-wise number of CCTVs installed in Prisons as on 31st December, 2019

@ Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh are now Union Territories. This is consolidated data of both UTs - Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

* D&N Haveli and Daman & Diu have since been merged into one UT. # Due to non-receipt of data from West Bengal for the year 2018 & 2019, data furnished for 2017 has been used.