

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1235**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2021/ SRAVANA 05, 1943 (SAKA)**

**COMPULSORY EDUCATION OF PRISONERS**

**1235. DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of prisoners in all the jails across the country who are educated below class tenth standard along with the State/UT-wise details thereof;**
- (b) whether there is any facility to provide compulsory education upto tenth standard in jails also, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, whether the Government is likely to consider this so that the prisoners can study at least upto tenth standard?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISHRA)**

**(a): National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) compiles prison statistics reported to it by States and Union Territories (UTs) and publishes the same in its annual publication “Prison Statistics India”. The latest published report is of the year 2019. State and UT-wise number of prisoners who are educated below tenth standard as on 31.12.2019 are given in Annexure-I.**

**(b) & (c): ‘Prisons’ and ‘persons detained therein’ are State subjects as per Entry 4 of List II of Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. Administration and management of prisoners is the responsibility of State Governments, who are competent to take appropriate steps for welfare**

**of prison inmates. However, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has been supplementing the efforts of State Governments by issuing various advisories from time to time. MHA has advised the States to establish special study centres in prisons and organize workshops to popularise educational programmes offered by National Open School, Distance Education Board and Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), etc. for education of inmates.**

**A comprehensive Model Prison Manual 2016 was also forwarded to all States and UTs in May, 2016. The Manual has a dedicated chapter on ‘Education of Prisoners’, which provides that at the time of admission in the prison, prisoners should be classified on the basis of their academic/educational qualifications and their aptitude for further learning. It has been emphasised that education is vital for the overall development of prisoners and that education of illiterate young offenders and adult prisoners shall be compulsory. State and UT-wise number of prisoners who have benefitted from educational facilities in prisons during the year 2019 are given in Annexure-II.**

**Annexure-I****State and UT-wise number of prisoners educated below tenth standard as on 31.12.2019**

<b>S No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Number of Prisoners</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	3249
2	Arunachal Pradesh	122
3	Assam	3918
4	Bihar	15991
5	Chhattisgarh	10546
6	Goa	149
7	Gujarat	7611
8	Haryana	8192
9	Himachal Pradesh	1105
10	Jammu & Kashmir @	1301
11	Jharkhand	8601
12	Karnataka	5887
13	Kerala	2661
14	Madhya Pradesh	20552
15	Maharashtra	17534
16	Manipur	547
17	Meghalaya	461
18	Mizoram	1330
19	Nagaland	245
20	Odisha	8836
21	Punjab	9417
22	Rajasthan	8512
23	Sikkim	281
24	Tamil Nadu	5286
25	Telangana	2503
26	Tripura	829
27	Uttar Pradesh	36390
28	Uttarakhand	2442
29	West Bengal #	6576
30	A & N Islands	151
31	Chandigarh	383
32	D&N Haveli *	25
33	Daman & Diu *	7
34	Delhi	7121
35	Lakshadweep	1
36	Puducherry	110
	<b>Total</b>	<b>198872</b>

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\* D&N Haveli and Daman & Diu have since been merged into one UT.

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## State/UT-wise number of prisoners benefitted from educational facilities in prisons during the year 2019

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of prisoners benefitted by			
		Elementary Education	Adult Education	Higher Education	Computer Course
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	2689	3536	666	56
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	0
3	ASSAM	442	201	65	102
4	BIHAR	2376	1539	250	128
5	CHHATTISGARH	2782	1317	433	20
6	GOA	0	12	82	0
7	GUJARAT	1378	1184	1596	480
8	HARYANA	817	1104	1231	1311
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	44	25	24	0
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR @	3	401	143	74
11	JHARKHAND	2993	905	333	347
12	KARNATAKA	980	1062	106	192
13	KERALA	634	326	70	128
14	MADHYA PRADESH	1410	8544	734	97
15	MAHARASHTRA	370	4856	1435	179
16	MANIPUR	0	0	0	0
17	MEGHALAYA	0	0	0	0
18	MIZORAM	0	10	5	0
19	NAGALAND	0	0	0	0
20	ODISHA	433	360	99	214
21	PUNJAB	330	119	91	90
22	RAJASTHAN	2110	575	395	110
23	SIKKIM	0	0	0	0
24	TAMIL NADU	1729	2187	381	93
25	TELANGANA	13633	7670	546	4740
26	TRIPURA	26	2	1	0
27	UTTAR PRADESH	9654	6739	1435	983
28	UTTARAKHAND	64	86	91	37
29	WEST BENGAL#	1184	755	148	211
	<b>TOTAL (STATES)</b>	<b>46081</b>	<b>43515</b>	<b>10360</b>	<b>9592</b>
30	A & N ISLANDS	30	26	15	0
31	CHANDIGARH	41	63	254	0
32	D & N HAVELI *	0	0	0	0
33	DAMAN & DIU *	0	0	0	0
34	DELHI	1652	827	1288	449
35	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0	0
36	PUDUCHERRY	56	7	0	6
	<b>TOTAL (UTs)</b>	<b>1779</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>1557</b>	<b>455</b>
	<b>TOTAL (ALL-INDIA)</b>	<b>47860</b>	<b>44438</b>	<b>11917</b>	<b>10047</b>

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