

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 501**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD FEBRUARY, 2026/ MAGHA 14, 1947 (SAKA)

SUPPORT PRISONERS SCHEME

**501. DR. GANAPATHY RAJKUMAR P:
THIRU THANGA TAMILSELVAN:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has revised its existing guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) under the 2023 support to prisoners' scheme dealing with underprivileged prisoners and to expedite release of poor prisoners in the States along with the categories of prisoners released under this scheme;**
- (b) the total number of poor prisoners were kept and released from various jail as on date under this 2023 support to prisoners' scheme, State and UT-wise; and**
- (c) the total financial assistance were provided to States under support to prisoners scheme 2023 as on date, State and UTs-wise?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI BANDI SANJAY KUMAR)**

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has revised the Guidelines and the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of the “Support to Poor Prisoners Scheme” launched in the year 2023 and has shared the same with all States and Union Territories (UTs) on 2nd December, 2025. Under this Scheme, undertrial prisoners unable to secure bail due to financial constraints and convicted prisoners unable to secure release from jail due

to non-payment of court imposed fine are eligible for taking the benefit of the Scheme.

State/UT-wise details of the number of prisoners who benefitted from the Scheme, as reported by the States and UTs, and the funds utilized in this regard are given in the Annexure.

State/UT-wise number of prisoners benefitted from Support to Poor Prisoners Scheme and the funds utilized

S. No.	State/UT	Number of Prisoners benefitted	Funds utilized
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	₹0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	6	₹34,000
3	Assam	28	₹6,76,000
4	Bihar	0	₹0
5	Chhattisgarh	0	₹0
6	Goa	5	₹70,000
7	Gujarat	5	₹85,000
8	Haryana	0	₹0
9	Himachal Pradesh	0	₹0
10	Jharkhand	0	₹0
11	Karnataka	0	₹0
12	Kerala	2	₹1,15,000
13	Madhya Pradesh	38	₹9,93,064
14	Maharashtra	107	₹18,68,500
15	Manipur	0	₹0
16	Meghalaya	0	₹0
17	Mizoram	0	₹0
18	Nagaland	0	₹0
19	Odisha	9	₹31,877
20	Punjab	3	₹5,35,000
21	Rajasthan	1	₹1,32,000
22	Sikkim	1	₹75,000
23	Tamil Nadu	0	₹0
24	Telangana	18	₹2,46,000
25	Tripura	7	₹9,05,000
26	Uttar Pradesh	5	₹6,19,064
27	Uttarakhand	37	₹7,75,971
28	West Bengal	0	₹0
29	A & N Islands	0	₹0
30	Chandigarh	1	₹10,000
31	DNH & Daman Diu	0	₹0
32	Delhi	0	₹0
33	Jammu & Kashmir	0	₹0
34	Ladakh	0	₹0
35	Lakshadweep	0	₹0
36	Puducherry	0	₹0
TOTAL		273	₹71,71,476