

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 864

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1ST MARCH, 2016/PHALGUNA 11, 1937 (SAKA)

ATTACKS ON JOURNALISTS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether threats, attacks and killing of journalists are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of journalists injured/killed separately, guilty arrested and the action taken against them during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government is involving all political parties to curb this menace; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken by the Government for the protection of journalists?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has started collecting data on attack on media persons under grievous hurt since 2014. Data on attack on journalists is not maintained separately. As per available data, a total of 114 cases were registered and 32 persons were arrested under attack on media person (grievous hurt) during 2014. The Press Council of India takes prompt action on receipt of specific complaints from affected persons. A State-wise statement is enclosed at Annexure.

State/UT wise cases registered (CR) and persons arrested (PAR) under attack on media persons (grievous hurt) during 2014

Sl.No.	State/UT	2014	
		CR	PAR
1	Andhra Pradesh	4	1
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0
3	Assam	2	0
4	Bihar	22	3
5	Chhattisgarh	0	0
6	Goa	0	0
7	Gujarat	3	4
8	Haryana	0	0
9	Himachal Pradesh	0	0
10	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0
11	Jharkhand	3	0
12	Karnataka	0	0
13	Kerala	0	0
14	Madhya Pradesh	7	10
15	Maharashtra	5	6
16	Manipur	0	0
17	Meghalaya	1	2
18	Mizoram	0	0
19	Nagaland	0	0
20	Odisha	1	0
21	Punjab	0	0
22	Rajasthan	0	0
23	Sikkim	0	0
24	Tamil Nadu	0	0
25	Telangana	0	0
26	Tripura	2	2
27	Uttar Pradesh	63	4
28	Uttarakhand	1	0
29	West Bengal	NR	NR
	Total (State)	114	32
30	A & N Islands	0	0
31	Chandigarh	0	0
32	D & N Haveli	0	0
33	Daman & Diu	0	0
34	Delhi	0	0
35	Lakshadweep	0	0
36	Puducherry	0	0
	Total (UTs)	0	0
	Total (All India)	114	32

Source : Monthly Crime Statistics

