

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1016

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2013/PHALGUNA 15,1934 (SAKA)

PENDING MERCY PETITIONS

1016. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a lot of mercy petitions are pending with Government for a very long time;
- (b) if so, the case-wise details thereof and time by when the petition is pending; and
- (c) what is the general procedure in disposing of mercy petitions and by when petitions of dreaded criminals will be disposed off?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): Presently, 9 mercy petition cases of prisoners on death row are pending under Article 72 of the Constitution of India. The list of these cases is enclosed as Annexure.

(c): The cases of mercy petition are processed expeditiously in consultation with the concerned Governments/Departments and President's Secretariat for a final decision of the President of India under Article 72 of the Constitution. However, the power under Article 72 of the Constitution does not contain any limitation as to the time, in which the power conferred might be exercised.

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LIST OF PENDING MERCY PETITIONS OF PRISONERS IN DEATH ROW  
UNDER ARTICLE 72 OF THE CONSTITUTION

| Sl. No. | Name of Condemned prisoner (s) & State/UT | Pending since the year |
|---------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1       | Dharam Pal, Haryana                       | 1999                   |
| 2       | Praveen Kumar, Karnataka                  | 2004                   |
| 3       | Jafar Ali, Uttar Pradesh                  | 2006                   |
| 4       | Sonia and Sanjeev, Haryana                | 2007                   |
| 5       | Sunder Singh, Uttarakhand                 | 2011                   |
| 6       | Shivu and Jadeswamy, Karnataka            | 2013                   |
| 7       | B. A. Umesh, Karnataka                    | 2012                   |
| 8       | Balwant Singh Rajoana, Chandigarh         | 2012                   |
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