

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2545

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH MARCH, 2013/PHALGUNA 29,1934 (SAKA)

COMMUNAL VIOLENCE BILL

2545. SHRI PANKAJ BORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Civil Rights Activists have stated the Communal Violence (Prevention, Control and Rehabilitation of Victims) Bill as unacceptable;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the present draft legislation is not only weak but dangerous too;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has not included the provision made by civil society such as sexual crimes like rapes, forced pregnancy and sterilization in the Bill;

(d) whether Government will take necessary steps to recognize the comprehensive rights of victims and survivors; and

(e) if so, the details how Government proposes to give final shape to the Bill?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) to (e): The National Advisory Council (NAC) felt that there was a need to draft a fresh law to deal with communal violence in the country and in July, 2011 sent to Ministry of Home Affairs for its consideration a draft Bill titled 'Prevention of Communal and Targeted Violence (Access to Justice & Reparations) Bill, 2011'. Government has not taken any final decision on the draft Bill proposed by NAC.

It is a continuous endeavour to make a legislation as comprehensive as possible, and at the same time, make it serve the intended objectives.