

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1047

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2015/PHALGUNA 13,1936 (SAKA)

SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION FOR PRISONS

1047. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2175 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th July, 2014 and to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has received or sought Action Taken Reports during the last three years from State Governments on its advisory issued on 17th July, 2009, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether in the changed global terror scenario and in view of requirement of police and prison reforms, Central Government would take lead in having consultations with the State Governments to bring them on board to shape out a separate administration for prisons and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) A comprehensive advisory dated 17<sup>th</sup> July 2009 has been issued by the Government of India on "Prison Administration" to the States/UTs. The Government of India from time to time has been interacting with the States/UTs through meetings and conferences etc. on various aspects of prison administration and to assess the problems faced by the States/UTs.

(b) As 'Prison' is a State subject under Entry 4 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution and Prison Administration is however, primarily, the responsibility of the State Governments, the State Governments have to take a view on this. The Government of India has circulated a model prison manual for States to adopt suitably and reform their Prison Administration.

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