

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1875

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD AUGUST, 2016/SRAVANA 12, 1938 (SAKA)

ENFORCING A SINGLE POLICE ACT ACROSS THE COUNTRY

†1875. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all States in the country have separate Police Acts and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether enforcing a single Police Act throughout the country will be more effective for strengthening the policing system and bringing uniformity therein;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the previous Governments had made any effort in this regard;
- (e) whether the incumbent Government is taking any initiative with regard to implementing a single Police Act across the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (f): 'Police' is a State subject under the seventh schedule of the constitution of India. State Governments are mandated to maintain their individual Police Act.

Further, to make police more effective, efficient, responsive to needs of the people for strengthening the policing system and bringing in uniformity therein, the Ministry of Home Affairs prepared a new Model Police Act in 2006, to replace the Police Act of 1861.

A copy of the draft Model Police Act, 2006 was forwarded to States for consideration and appropriate action, on 31st October, 2006. As per information available, so far 17 States, viz Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamilnadu, Tripura & Uttarakhand have either enacted the Police Act or amended their existing Act.

In May, 2013, Ministry of Home Affairs had constituted a Committee to revise the Model Police Act, 2006, in tune with modern policing needs and democratic values. The attributes of the concept of 'SMART' Policing have also been incorporated in draft Model Police Bill, 2015, submitted by BPR&D, on 24th August, 2015. The draft Model Police Bill, 2015 has been uploaded on BPR&D's website for public comments.