

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3735

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2017/CHAITRA 15, 1939, (SAKA)

STEPS TO REGULATE THE SALE OF ACID

3735.       SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether steps taken by Government to regulate the sale of acid across the country have yielded desired results in reduction in number of acid attacks particularly on women;

(b) if the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) To (c) : As per information received from National Crime Records Bureau (N.C.R.B), total number of acid attack on women (section 326 A IPC) is 137 and 140 in 2014 and 2015 respectively.

As per the seventh schedule to the Constitution of India `Police` and `Public Order` are State subjects and, as such, the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crime, lies with the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Home Affairs has issued a detailed Advisory in accordance with the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in WP (CrI)

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129 of 2006, to all the States/UTs titled 'Measures to be taken to prevent acid attacks on people and for treatment and rehabilitation of survivors' dated 30th August, 2013 which includes regulating the sale of acid/corrosive substance. Another advisory on expediting cases of acid attack on women was issued on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2015. These advisories are available at [www.mha.nic.in](http://www.mha.nic.in).

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