

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 376**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019/ KARTIKA 29, 1941 (SAKA)**

**REOPENING OF GUJARAT RIOTS CASES**

**376. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether it is a fact that while more than 2,000 cases were registered in the aftermath of the 2002 Gujarat riots most were blocked and closed, it was only when Supreme Court got involved that a few of those cases were reopened and placed under court-monitored special investigation teams;**

**(b) whether Government is planning to reopen cases of investigation of Gujarat riots;**

**(c) the details of data on the number of people died, female atrocities occurred; and**

**(d) whether any compensation and rehabilitative schemes were provided to the victims and their families, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a) to (c): "Public Order" and "Police" are State subjects as per the provisions of the Constitution of India. The responsibility of maintaining law and order including dealing with communal riots, investigation and prosecution of crimes, providing relief and rehabilitation and compensation to the victims and maintaining relevant data in this regard rests primarily with the respective State Governments, in this case, Government of Gujarat.**

**(d): On 22.03.2007, Central Government approved the grant of relief and rehabilitation to the victims of communal riots in Gujarat in 2002, and**

subsequently, on 22.05.2008, approved ex

- gratia payment for damage to

residential property and uninsured commercial/indu

strial property.

According ly , an amount of Rs.429.46 crore was released to the Government

of Gujarat in five installments during 2007

- 11 . Age relaxation is also given to

kin of Gujarat riot victims in recruitment of various organisations

under the

Central Government.

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