

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 508**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2019/ ASHADHA 5, 1941 (SAKA)**

**DEATHS IN PRISONS**

**508. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR:**

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

- (a) the number and major causes of deaths in prisons, State-wise;**
- (b) whether any audit on the condition of prisons has been conducted in the country;**
- (c) if so, the date on which the last such audit was conducted along with the outcome of the audit;**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) the details of rehabilitation facilities being provided in the jails to reform them?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) : National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) compiles prison statistics in its publication “Prison Statistics India”. Published reports are available till the year 2016. State-wise details of causes of deaths in prisons during 2016 are given in Annexure-I.**

**(b) to (e): ‘Prisons’ is a ‘State’ subject under Entry 4 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The State Governments are responsible for the administration, management and rehabilitation facilities in prisons in their jurisdiction, and also to have their prison facilities audited. The State Governments are also competent to devise appropriate rehabilitation schemes for prisoners with a view to reform prison inmates. The Ministry of Home Affairs**

**(MHA) has, however, issued advisories to States and UTs on proper administration and management of prisons, and rehabilitation of prison inmates. MHA has also circulated a Model Prison Manual, 2016 to all States and UTs which has dedicated chapters on 'After-care and Rehabilitation' and 'Vocational Training and Skill Development programmes' for inmates.**

## State/UT-wise Incidences of Death of Inmates due to Various Causes in Prisons during 2016

Sl. No.	State/UT	Natural Deaths		
		Ageing	illness	Total Natural Deaths
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	0	25	25
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0
3	ASSAM*	-	-	50
4	BIHAR	1	69	70
5	CHHATTISGARH	0	5	5
6	GOA	0	1	1
7	GUJARAT	0	38	38
8	HARYANA	0	37	37
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	0	4	4
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR	0	5	5
11	JHARKHAND	3	58	61
12	KARNATAKA	0	58	58
13	KERALA	0	37	37
14	MADHYA PRADESH	0	141	141
15	MAHARASHTRA	0	74	74
16	MANIPUR	0	0	0
17	MEGHALAYA	0	2	2
18	MIZORAM*	-	-	2
19	NAGALAND	0	0	0
20	ODISHA	1	37	38
21	PUNJAB	0	115	115
22	RAJASTHAN	0	89	89
23	SIKKIM	0	0	0
24	TAMIL NADU	0	50	50
25	TELANGANA	0	18	18
26	TRIPURA	0	5	5
27	UTTAR PRADESH	20	353	373
28	UTTARAKHAND	0	13	13
29	WEST BENGAL*	-	-	79
	<b>TOTAL (STATES)</b>	<b>25<sup>#</sup></b>	<b>1234<sup>#</sup></b>	<b>1390</b>
30	A & N ISLANDS	0	0	0
31	CHANDIGARH	0	2	2
32	D & N HAVELI	0	0	0
33	DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0
34	DELHI	0	32	32
35	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0
36	PUDUCHERRY	0	0	0
	<b>TOTAL (UTs)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>
	<b>TOTAL (ALL-INDIA)</b>	<b>25<sup>#</sup></b>	<b>1268<sup>#</sup></b>	<b>1424</b>

(a) No Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) Jammu and Kashmir is affected by terrorism sponsored and supported from across the border for the last three decades. However, owing to the policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism and sustained action against the terrorists by the security forces, a

large number of terrorists have been neutralized during the past few years. All agencies are working in a coordinated manner and the intelligence inputs are shared among various agencies on real time basis. The investigation by NIA into the Pulwama attack so far, has resulted in identifying the conspirators, suicide attacker and the vehicle provider.

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**Source: Prison Statistics India**

\* Assam, Mizoram and West Bengal did not furnish the break up

# Total under the columns Ageing and Illness does not include data of Assam, Mizoram and West Bengal. However, Total Natural Deaths include data of Assam, Mizoram and West Bengal.

## State/UT-wise Incidences of Death of Inmates due to Various Causes in Prisons during 2016

Sl. No.	State/UT	Un-Natural Deaths						
		Suicide	Murder by Inmates	Accidental Deaths	Deaths due to Assault by Outside Elements	Others	Pending Final Opinion	Total Un-Natural Deaths
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	4	0	1	0	0	0	5
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	ASSAM	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
4	BIHAR	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
5	CHHATTISGARH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	GOA	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
7	GUJARAT	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
8	HARYANA	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	JAMMU & KASHMIR	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
11	JHARKHAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	KARNATAKA	3	1	1	0	0	0	5
13	KERALA	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
14	MADHYA PRADESH	4	0	1	0	0	0	5
15	MAHARASHTRA	7	2	0	1	0	37	47
16	MANIPUR	1	3	0	0	0	0	4
17	MEGHALAYA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	MIZORAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	NAGALAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	ODISHA	3	0	0	0	0	7	10
21	PUNJAB	8	1	0	0	0	28	37
22	RAJASTHAN	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
23	SIKKIM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	TAMIL NADU	9	1	1	0	0	0	11
25	TELANGANA	4	0	2	0	0	0	6
26	TRIPURA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	UTTAR PRADESH	20	2	3	0	0	31	56
28	UTTARAKHAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	WEST BENGAL	6	0	0	0	1	0	7
	<b>TOTAL (STATES)</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>226</b>
30	A & N ISLANDS	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
31	CHANDIGARH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	D & N HAVELI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	DELHI	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
35	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	PUDUCHERRY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>TOTAL (UTs)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>TOTAL (ALL-INDIA)</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>231</b>

Source: Prison Statistics India

Note: No deaths reported under the category Execution, Deaths due To Firing and Deaths due to Negligence / Excess by Jail Personnel