

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1958**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH MARCH, 2020/PHALGUNA 21, 1941 (SAKA)

DETENTION UNDER PSA IN KASHMIR

**1958. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA:
SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of political detainees in Kashmir from August, 2019 to February 2020, month-wise;

(b) the number of political detainees still under detention as of February 29, 2020; and

(c) whether they have all been detained under the Public Safety Act (PSA), if so, the dates from which the PSA was invoked against them?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has reported that in order to prevent commission of offences involving breach of peace and tranquility, activities prejudicial to the security of the State and maintenance of public order, cumulatively 7357 persons including stone pelters, miscreants, over ground workers (OGWs), separatists, etc. were taken into preventive custody since August, 2019. Out of these, 451 such persons are presently under preventive detention, which includes 396 persons under Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA).

Detentions have been made u/s 107 Cr.PC, as also under J&K Public Safety Act, 1978.
