

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1247**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9TH FEBRUARY, 2021/ MAGHA 20, 1942 (SAKA)

WOMEN IN POLICE FORCES

1247. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that women are under-represented in police forces;

(b) the steps being taken to increase women representation in police forces of States/UTs; and

(c) the number of women recruited during the last three years in police forces of States/UTs?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per data on Police Organisations compiled by Bureau of Police Research & Development, out of the actual strength of 20,91,488 police personnel in States/UTs as on 01.01.2020, the strength of women police personnel is 2,15,504.

(b) & (C): “Police” is a State subject falling in List-II (State List) of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations to implement

police reforms measures, including improvement of gender balance. The Central Government issues advisories to the States for increasing number of women in the police forces. States have also been advised to strengthen welfare measures such as provision of housing and medical facilities and necessary facilities for women police personnel in Police Stations. Data on annual recruitment of women in police forces is not maintained centrally.

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