

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2428**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH MARCH, 2021/ PHALGUNA 26, 1942 (SAKA)

WOMEN PRISONERS

2428. SHRI RAKESH SINHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government would state the total number of women prisoners, the State-wise statistics thereof;**
- (b) the classification of crimes committed by women prisoners;**
- (c) the number of women prisons in the country and their respective capacities;**
- (d) the proportion of women prisoners and the space available for them;**
- (e) in how many states, number of prisoners are more than their capacity in prisons;**
- (f) whether these prisons are strictly monitored by CCTV;**
- (g) the number of women prisoners in jail with their kids;**
- (h) whether there is any case/cases of sexual exploitation of women prisoners; and**
- (i) if so, action taken in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(a): National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) compiles prison statistics reported to it by States and Union Territories (UTs) and publishes the same

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in its annual report “Prison Statistics India”. The latest published report is of the year 2019. State and UT-wise number of women prisoners lodged in various jails of the country as on 31.12.2019 are given in Annexure-I.

(b): Details of classification of various crimes committed by women prisoners as reported to NCRB by States and UTs are given in Annexure-II.

(c) & (d): As against the 4,78,600 inmates lodged in various jails of the country as on 31.12.2019, 19,913 were women inmates. There are 31 exclusive women jails in various States and UTs with a capacity of 6,511 women inmates, against which 3,652 women inmates are lodged. At places where there are no exclusive women jails, women prisoners are lodged in special barracks/ enclosures separate from male inmates, depending upon the requirement. Various jails in States and UTs of the country have a total capacity for 27,703 women inmates, against which 19,913 women inmates are lodged. State and UT-wise details in this regard, as on 31.12.2019, is given in Annexure-III.

(e): State and UT-wise capacity of prisons and actual inmate population as on 31.12.2019 are given in Annexure-IV.

(f): As per the latest published data of NCRB, 22,456 CCTVs have been installed in various jails of the country as on 31.12.2019.

(g): 1,543 women prisoners having kids are lodged in various jails of the country as on 31.12.2019.

(h) & (i): 'Prisons', 'persons detained therein' and 'Police' are State subjects as per List II of Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The State Governments are competent to deal with such offences under extant provisions of laws. Specific information in this regard is not maintained centrally.

State and UT-wise number of women prisoners as on 31.12.2019

| S No. | State/UT | Number of Women Prisoners |
|--------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 466 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 8 |
| 3 | Assam | 307 |
| 4 | Bihar | 1324 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 883 |
| 6 | Goa | 34 |
| 7 | Gujarat | 563 |
| 8 | Haryana | 642 |
| 9 | Himachal Pradesh | 87 |
| 10 | Jammu & Kashmir @ | 126 |
| 11 | Jharkhand | 813 |
| 12 | Karnataka | 611 |
| 13 | Kerala | 173 |
| 14 | Madhya Pradesh | 1758 |
| 15 | Maharashtra | 1569 |
| 16 | Manipur | 54 |
| 17 | Meghalaya | 29 |
| 18 | Mizoram | 189 |
| 19 | Nagaland | 4 |
| 20 | Odisha | 587 |
| 21 | Punjab | 1244 |
| 22 | Rajasthan | 589 |
| 23 | Sikkim | 12 |
| 24 | Tamil Nadu | 743 |
| 25 | Telangana | 445 |
| 26 | Tripura | 45 |
| 27 | Uttar Pradesh | 4174 |
| 28 | Uttarakhand | 262 |
| 29 | West Bengal # | 1479 |
| 30 | A & N Islands | 7 |
| 31 | Chandigarh | 49 |
| 32 | D&N Haveli * | 0 |
| 33 | Daman & Diu * | 5 |
| 34 | Delhi | 629 |
| 35 | Lakshadweep | 0 |
| 36 | Puducherry | 3 |
| | Total | 19913 |

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Classification of crimes committed by women prisoners

| S No. | Offence |
|--------------|---|
| | Indian Penal Code (IPC) Crimes |
| 1 | Murder |
| 2 | Attempt to Murder |
| 3 | C.H. not amounting to Murder |
| 4 | Rape |
| 5 | Kidnapping & Abduction |
| 6 | Dacoity |
| 7 | Prep. and Assembly for Dacoity |
| 8 | Robbery |
| 9 | Burglary |
| 10 | Thefts |
| 11 | Extortion |
| 12 | Riots |
| 13 | Arson |
| 14 | Criminal Breach of Trust |
| 15 | Cheating |
| 16 | Counterfeiting |
| 17 | Dowry Deaths |
| 18 | Assault on Women with Intent to Outrage her Modesty |
| 19 | Insult to the Modesty of Women |
| 20 | Cruelty by Husband or Relatives of Husband |
| 21 | Other IPC Crimes |
| | Special and Local Laws (SLL) Crimes |
| 22 | Arms Act |
| 23 | NDPS Act |
| 24 | Gambling Act |
| 25 | Excise Act |
| 26 | Prohibition Act |
| 27 | Explosive & Explosive Substances Act |
| 28 | Terrorist & Destructive Activities Act (TADA) |
| 29 | Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act |
| 30 | Indian Railways Act |
| 31 | Registration of Foreigners Act |
| 32 | Protection of Civil Rights Act |
| 33 | SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act |
| 34 | Indian Passport Act |
| 35 | Essential Commodities Act |
| 36 | Antiquities and Art Treasures Act |
| 37 | Dowry Prohibition Act |
| 38 | Foreign Exchange Regulation Act |
| 39 | Prevention of Corruption Act |
| 40 | Conservation of Foreign Exchange & Prev. of Smuggling Act |
| 41 | Other SLL Crimes |

**State / UT-wise Women Capacity, Women Population and Occupancy in Women Jails and
Total Jails as on 31.12.2019**

| Sl. No. | State/UT | Women Jail | | | Total Jails | | |
|---------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | | No. of Women Jails | Capacity | Inmate Population | Total No. of Jails | Total Women Capacity | Total Women Inmates |
| 1 | ANDHRA PRADESH | 2 | 280 | 213 | 106 | 926 | 466 |
| 2 | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 24 | 8 |
| 3 | ASSAM | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 684 | 307 |
| 4 | BIHAR | 2 | 152 | 171 | 59 | 1650 | 1324 |
| 5 | CHHATTISGARH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 649 | 883 |
| 6 | GOA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 50 | 34 |
| 7 | GUJARAT | 2 | 410 | 190 | 30 | 1112 | 563 |
| 8 | HARYANA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 911 | 642 |
| 9 | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 136 | 87 |
| 10 | JAMMU & KASHMIR @ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 138 | 126 |
| 11 | JHARKHAND | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 868 | 813 |
| 12 | KARNATAKA | 1 | 100 | 51 | 104 | 1216 | 611 |
| 13 | KERALA | 3 | 232 | 112 | 55 | 404 | 173 |
| 14 | MADHYA PRADESH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 131 | 1873 | 1758 |
| 15 | MAHARASHTRA | 1 | 262 | 363 | 64 | 1265 | 1569 |
| 16 | MANIPUR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 250 | 54 |
| 17 | MEGHALAYA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 55 | 29 |
| 18 | MIZORAM | 1 | 90 | 42 | 10 | 274 | 189 |
| 19 | NAGALAND | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 180 | 4 |
| 20 | ODISHA | 1 | 55 | 26 | 91 | 1902 | 587 |
| 21 | PUNJAB | 1 | 320 | 188 | 24 | 1765 | 1244 |
| 22 | RAJASTHAN | 7 | 1048 | 354 | 144 | 1757 | 589 |
| 23 | SIKKIM | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 40 | 12 |
| 24 | TAMIL NADU | 5 | 2018 | 551 | 141 | 2548 | 743 |
| 25 | TELANGANA | 1 | 250 | 222 | 37 | 675 | 445 |
| 26 | TRIPURA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 151 | 45 |
| 27 | UTTAR PRADESH | 1 | 420 | 219 | 72 | 3278 | 4174 |
| 28 | UTTARAKHAND | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 154 | 262 |
| 29 | WEST BENGAL # | 1 | 226 | 321 | 59 | 1885 | 1479 |
| 30 | A & N ISLANDS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 40 | 7 |
| 31 | CHANDIGARH | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 120 | 49 |
| 32 | D & N HAVELI * | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| 33 | DAMAN & DIU * | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 20 | 5 |
| 34 | DELHI | 2 | 648 | 629 | 16 | 648 | 629 |
| 35 | LAKSHADWEEP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 36 | PUDUCHERRY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 45 | 3 |
| | TOTAL | 31 | 6511 | 3652 | 1350 | 27703 | 19913 |

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State and UT-wise capacity of prisons and inmate population as on 31st December, 2019

| S No. | State/UT | Available Capacity | Inmate Population |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 8789 | 7579 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 233 | 247 |
| 3 | Assam | 8888 | 9226 |
| 4 | Bihar | 42222 | 39814 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 12063 | 18112 |
| 6 | Goa | 624 | 518 |
| 7 | Gujarat | 13762 | 15089 |
| 8 | Haryana | 19306 | 20423 |
| 9 | Himachal Pradesh | 2146 | 2373 |
| 10 | Jammu & Kashmir @ | 2910 | 3689 |
| 11 | Jharkhand | 16795 | 18654 |
| 12 | Karnataka | 14315 | 14515 |
| 13 | Kerala | 6841 | 7499 |
| 14 | Madhya Pradesh | 28718 | 44603 |
| 15 | Maharashtra | 24095 | 36798 |
| 16 | Manipur | 1272 | 876 |
| 17 | Meghalaya | 650 | 1023 |
| 18 | Mizoram | 1601 | 1698 |
| 19 | Nagaland | 1450 | 446 |
| 20 | Odisha | 19291 | 17563 |
| 21 | Punjab | 23488 | 24174 |
| 22 | Rajasthan | 22952 | 21599 |
| 23 | Sikkim | 260 | 400 |
| 24 | Tamil Nadu | 23392 | 14707 |
| 25 | Telangana | 7785 | 6717 |
| 26 | Tripura | 2174 | 1103 |
| 27 | Uttar Pradesh | 60340 | 101297 |
| 28 | Uttarakhand | 3540 | 5629 |
| 29 | West Bengal # | 21772 | 23092 |
| 30 | A & N Islands | 309 | 244 |
| 31 | Chandigarh | 1120 | 984 |
| 32 | D&N Haveli * | 70 | 46 |
| 33 | Daman & Diu * | 60 | 62 |
| 34 | Delhi | 10026 | 17534 |
| 35 | Lakshadweep | 64 | 4 |
| 36 | Puducherry | 416 | 263 |
| | Total | 403739 | 478600 |

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