

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*11**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 02ND FEBRUARY, 2022/ MAGHA 13, 1943 (SAKA)

PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCIES IN THE COUNTRY

***11. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the numbers of private security agencies in the country, State-wise;**
- (b) whether any special privilege/immunity has been provided to private security agencies and their security guards under Private Security Agencies (Regulation) (PSAR) Act, 2005;**
- (c) whether the age limit for private guards would be reviewed as there are old age persons engaged as private security guards; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*11 FOR ANSWER ON 02.02.2022 REGARDING “PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCIES IN THE COUNTRY”.

(a) & (b): Private Security Agencies in the country are regulated as per provisions of the Private Security Agencies (Regulation) Act, 2005. Further, as per the Act, Controlling Authorities appointed by State/UT Governments have been assigned the duties of issuance of licence and regulation of private security agencies in a State/UT. The data pertaining to the numbers of private security agencies in the country is not maintained centrally. This data is maintained at the level of a State/UT. However, in the year of 2019, the Central Government has developed a ‘Private Security Agency Licensing Portal’ to facilitate the States/UTs for online issue of licence to private security agencies. As per the web portal, there are 16427 valid licenses of Private Security Agencies as on 28.01.2022. The State-wise list of valid licenses of Private Security Agencies as on 28.01.2022 is at Annexure-1. There are no special privileges/immunities provided to private security agencies and their security guards under Private Security Agencies (Regulation) Act, 2005.

(c) & (d): As per Section 10 (1) (b) of the PSAR Act, 2005, a private security agency shall not employ or engage any person as a private security guard unless he has completed eighteen years of age but has not attained the age of sixty-five years. At present, there is no proposal for review of age of private security guards.

Numbers of private security agencies in the country, State-wise:
(as per the database on the web portal psara.gov.in as on 28.1.2022)*

State Name	Licence Active as on date
All States	16427
Andaman & Nicobar	20
Andhra Pradesh	190
Arunachal Pradesh	-
Assam	227
Bihar	161
Chandigarh	119
Chhattisgarh	120
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	111
Delhi	748
Goa	97
Gujarat	2203
Haryana	1118
Himachal Pradesh	250
Jammu and Kashmir	-
Jharkhand	214
Karnataka	906
Kerala	624
Ladakh	-
Lakshadweep	-
Madhya Pradesh	797
Maharashtra	2821
Manipur	7
Meghalaya	25
Mizoram	9
Nagaland	3
Odisha	455
Puducherry	107
Punjab	842
Rajasthan	1228
Sikkim	13
Tamil Nadu	826
Telangana	582
Tripura	50
Uttar Pradesh	856
Uttarakhand	329
West Bengal	369

*As the data is dynamic and maintained at the level of State Government, the actual figure may differ from information registered on the portal.