

**Construction of new jails**

1064. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the custodial deaths in different jails in the country have increased in recent years;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof during the period 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(c) whether the jails in the country are over crowded;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total number of new jails to be created by Government during the year 2016-17?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) and (b) As per data compiled by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) at the end of 2012, 2013 and 2014, a State/UT-wise number of natural and unnatural deaths (such as suicide, execution, murder by inmates, deaths due to assault by outside elements, death due to firing, deaths due to negligence/excess by jail personnel, others) of inmates in various jails of country is enclosed as Statement (*See below*).

(c) to (e) As on 31st December 2014 the no. of inmates was 4,18,536 as against the authorized capacity of 3,56,561, resulting in overcrowding of 117.4% as per data compiled by National Crime Records Bureau. "Prisons" is a State subject as per entry 4 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. Therefore, the administration and management of prisons is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments.

**Statement***State/UT-wise number of natural and unnatural deaths of inmates in various jails of country from 2012 to 2014*

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Deaths of inmates in 2012		Deaths of inmates in 2013		Deaths of inmates in 2014	
		Natural	Unnatural	Natural	Unnatural	Natural	Unnatural
1.	Andhra Pradesh	74	12	99	1	49	3
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.	Assam	25	4	22	5	24	1
4.	Bihar	93	13	83	3	96	6
5.	Chhattisgarh	65	2	60	4	43	3
6.	Goa	2	0	0	0	2	0
7.	Gujarat	23	2	26	5	16	4
8.	Haryana	46	6	39	9	32	10
9.	Himachal Pradesh	4	1	3	0	3	1
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	4	0	3	2	4	2
11.	Jharkhand	41	2	48	3	57	3
12.	Karnataka	62	7	73	4	78	15
13.	Kerala	30	2	51	3	42	5
14.	Madhya Pradesh	96	3	102	9	122	6
15.	Maharashtra	75	3	85	4	96	6
16.	Manipur	0	0	0	0	2	0

17.	Meghalaya	0	0	1	0	2	0
18.	Mizoram	1	0	1	0	2	1
19.	Nagaland	0	0	1	0	6	1
20.	Odisha	43	7	44	2	43	44
21.	Punjab	120	17	160	9	218	12
22.	Rajasthan	35	15	53	11	33	12
23.	Sikkim	0	0	3	0	0	0
24.	Tamil Nadu	54	8	64	10	51	5
25.	Telangana	--	--	--	--	52	0
26.	Tripura	1	0	1	0	7	0
27.	Uttar Pradesh	344	12	340	18	298	23
28.	Uttarakhand	8	0	6	0	15	2
29.	West Bengal	81	7	85	5	82	21
30.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1	0	1	0	0	0
31.	Chandigarh	2	0	0	0	1	0
32.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0
33.	Daman and Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0
34.	Delhi	15	3	28	8	31	9
35.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0
36.	Puducherry	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		1345	126	1482	115	1507	195

*Written Answers to*

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*Unstarred Questions 151*