

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1168**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 08TH DECEMBER, 2021/ AGRAHAYANA 17, 1943 (SAKA)

INCREASING CUSTODIAL DEATHS

1168 SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of custodial deaths in the country are increasing alarmingly;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the year 2021, major State-wise, in the country; and**
- (c) the steps that have been taken to sensitize the jail authorities in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) As per data received from National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), no such increase in the number of custodial deaths has been noticed. A statement indicating State/UT-wise details of Custodial Deaths in the year 2021 from 1.4.2021 to 15.11.2021 as received from NHRC is at Annexure.

(c) The "Police", "Prison" and "Public Order" are State Subjects as per Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. It is primarily for the respective State Governments to take action in a crime. The Central Government does not intervene directly in these matters, but does issue advisories from time to time, while the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) issues guidelines and recommendations. In addition workshops/ seminars are also organized by NHRC from time to time to sensitize officers of the State Governments for better protection of human rights and particularly protection of rights of persons in custody.

Statement in respect of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1168 for 8.12.2021 showing total no. of cases registered in respect of custodial deaths (Police & Judicial) State -wise for the period 1.4.2021 to 15.11.2021

S.No.	State/UT Name	Custodial Deaths	
		Police	Judicial
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	0	33
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	1
3	ASSAM	7	8
4	BIHAR	16	132
5	GOA	0	2
6	GUJARAT	15	60
7	HARYANA	2	65
8	HIMACHAL PRADESH	0	4
9	JAMMU & KASHMIR	1	6
10	KARNATAKA	3	2
11	KERALA	3	21
12	MADHYA PRADESH	8	122
13	MAHARASHTRA	21	106
14	MANIPUR	1	0
15	MEGHALAYA	2	8
16	MIZORAM	1	2
17	NAGALAND	0	5
18	ODISHA	1	43
19	PUNJAB	4	93
20	RAJASTHAN	6	49
21	SIKKIM	1	1
22	TAMIL NADU	3	58
23	TRIPURA	1	2
24	UTTAR PRADESH	6	298
25	WEST BENGAL	2	144
26	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	0	0
27	CHANDIGARH	0	1
28	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	0	0
29	DAMAN & DIU	0	0
30	DELHI	0	41
31	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0
32	PUDUCHERRY	0	1
33	CHHATTISGARH	2	69
34	JHARKHAND	3	41
35	UTTARAKHAND	1	19
36	TELANGANA	4	14
37	LADAKH	0	0
	TOTAL	114	1451