

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
QUESTION NO 1191  
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2017**

[Attack on journalists](#)

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether India ranks 136 in recently released World Press Freedom Index by "Reporters Without Border", and one of the major reasons for the poor ranking is threat to the journalists and bloggers and the silence of Government on the same;
- (b) year-wise details of the number of journalists killed or attacked in last three years;
- (c) whether any compensation was given to the family of the journalist who was killed;
- (d) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons for the same; and
- (e) what steps have been taken to ensure such incidents do not take place in future?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a): The Press Council of India in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has taken note of the report of Reporters without Borders (RWB) and found out that the sources of RWB in India are ambiguous, and the sampling is quite random in nature which does not portray a proper and comprehensive picture of freedom of the press in India.

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(b): NCRB has started collecting data on attack of media persons since 2014 and the State/UT wise cases registered and persons arrested (under section 325, 326, 326A & 326B IPC) for 2014-2015 is at Annexure.

(c) to (e): The employer of the journalists are competent to give compensation to their employees. Further, Section 357A of Cr.P.C. also provides compensation to the victim or his dependents, who have suffered loss or injury as a result of the crime and who require rehabilitation. 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The responsibilities to maintain law and order, protection of life and property of citizen including journalists rest primarily with the respective State Governments. The State Governments are competent to deal with such offences under the extant provisions of laws.

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