

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 2316
ANSWERED ON 22.03.2017**

[Augmentation of police forces of States](#)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that all States have been directed to augment their police forces;
- (b) whether after formation of NDA Government, every State Government has been directed to conduct an early recruitment drive to fill up the vacant posts;
and
- (c) the State-wise shortage of police force noticed along with special instructions issued to those States to recruit and modernise the State police force?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As 'Police' is a State subject falling in List-II of seventh schedule of the Constitution of India, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to ensure adequate augmentation in their police forces. The Centre advises the States from time to time to take appropriate steps in police administration to meet the expectations of people.

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As per data compiled by the Bureau of Police Research & development (BPR&D), as on 1.1.2016 against total sanctioned strength of 22,80,691 there were 17,31,666 police personnel in position leading to a shortfall of 5,49,025 personnel. The details are at annexure-I.

State Police Forces are also supported through the grants-in-aid released to the State Governments under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Force (MPF) by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The major items of Police infrastructure covered under the Scheme are mobility, modern weaponry, training infrastructure facilities, forensic Science equipments, security equipments, traffic equipments, construction of residential building for lower level police personnel, etc.
