

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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Communal violence and tension in the country

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

(a) the number of incidents of communal violence and tension in the country, the State-wise details thereof for the years 2014-15 and 2016;

(b) the extent of loss of life and property during such incidents, the State-wise details for the last three years;

(c) the names of organisations having role behind communal violence and tension and incidents of atrocities in the name of ghar wapsi (religious conversion), love jihad and cow vigilantism and the details of action taken against them; and

(d) the details of guidelines issued by Government to prevent far increasing incidents of communal violence and tension?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) As per available information, the State-wise details of communal incidents and persons killed therein during the year 2014, 2015 and 2016 are enclosed at Annexure.

“Public Order” and “Police” are State subjects as per the provisions of the Constitution of India. The responsibilities of maintaining law and order, investigation/registration/prosecution of crimes (including communal violence),

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conviction of accused, protection of life and property etc. and maintaining relevant data rest primarily with the respective State Governments. The details regarding persons arrested/convicted, organisations involved, action taken against them, damages to property etc. are not maintained centrally.

(d) The Central Government has issued Communal Harmony guidelines to all States/Union Territories, which inter alia, lay down standard operating procedures to be put in place to deal with situation arising out of the communal violence. These guidelines are aimed to maintain due vigilance, careful planning and preparatory measures which may prevent and pre-empt any possible incidents of communal violence. These Communal Harmony Guidelines are available at MHA's website (mha.nic.in).
