

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
QUESTION NO 31  
ANSWERED ON 19.07.2017**

Cow vigilantism

31        Shri Naresh Agrawal

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

(a) whether it is a fact that many innocent people were either severely beaten up or lynched in the name of cow vigilantism during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, the details of the organisations that executed such incidents; and

(c) if not, the details of such incidents that were executed in the name of cow vigilantism during the last three years?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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Statement referred in Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 31\* for reply on 19th July 2017 regarding 'Cow vigilantism'

(a) to (c): '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 rests primarily with the respective State Governments. The State Governments are competent to deal with such offences under the provisions of law. National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) does not maintain data on lynching in the name of cow vigilantism.

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