

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 107
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2017**

[Directions to tackle racial attacks and hate crimes](#)

107 Shri Husain Dalwai

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

- (a) whether Supreme Court has given directions to tackle racial attacks and hate crimes in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what is the progress in setting up of a three member panel as recommended by the said directions;
- (d) what is the status of implementation of recommendations made in the M.P. Bezbaruah Committee Report; and
- (e) whether the Ministry has undertaken enumeration of hate crimes and racially induced crimes in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) TO THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 107* FOR ANSWER IN THE RAJYA SABHA ON 26.07.2017.

(a) & (b): As per Supreme Court judgement dated 14.12.2016 in case of W.P. (Civil) No. 103 of 2014 Karma Dorjee and Ors. Vs. UOI & Ors. with W.P. (Civil) No. 111 of 2014, proactive steps need to be taken to enhance sense of security and inclusion, the Union Government in the Ministry of Home Affairs should monitor the redressal of issues pertaining to racial discrimination faced by citizens of the nation drawn from North East.

(c): The monitoring committee recommended by the Supreme Court has been setup.

(d): In order to deal with the concerns of persons hailing from the north-eastern states and residing in different parts of the country, particularly in the metropolitan cities, the Union Government (MHA) constituted the Bezbaruah Committee on 5 February, 2014. The Committee submitted its report on 11 July 2014. The Committee made recommendations for (a) immediate measures to be

implemented within six months to one year; (b) short term measures to be implemented within a period of one to one and a half years; and (c) long term measures to be implemented within a period of one and a half to two years. Implementation of the recommendations of the Committee relates to Central Government Ministries and State Governments and is in different

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stages of implementation. In the Ministry, implementation of recommendations has been reviewed by MoS (Home) in the years 2015 & 2016.

(e): National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) maintains data of cases registered under Sections 153A and 153B of IPC which deal with offences promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc., and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony and imputations, assertions prejudicial to national integration. As per the recommendations of the Bezbaruah Committee there is a proposal under examination of the Ministry for amendment of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) by insertion of two new provisions – Section 153C and Section 509A. These amendments deal with offences involving racial matters and word, gesture or act intended to insult a member of a particular racial group or of any race. Since the subject falls in the Concurrent list of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, consultations with the State Governments/law agencies are being undertaken before bringing out any amendment to the existing law.
