

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 53
ANSWERED ON 20.12.2017**

Increase in incidents of lynching by mob

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

- (a) whether incidents of lynching by mob are reportedly on the rise in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the total number of such cases reported, persons killed/injured, arrested and the action taken against them during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to bring a stringent law against mob lynching and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other measures taken by Government to stop such incidents in future?

ANSWER

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

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

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Statement referred in Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. *53 for reply on 20th December 2017 regarding 'Increase in incidents of lynching by mob'.

(a) & (b): No, Sir. As per data furnished by States/UTs as on July, 2017, one case was registered in Maharashtra in 2014, two cases in the year 2014 and one case in the year 2017 were registered in

Rajasthan and one case was registered in Uttar Pradesh in 2015.

In the case registered in Maharashtra, one death occurred. Twenty one accused have been arrested and a charge-sheet has been submitted in Court. In the cases registered in Rajasthan, 4 persons were killed and 17 persons were arrested. Charge sheets have been filed in the court in all the three cases registered in Rajasthan. In the case of Uttar Pradesh, one death occurred and eighteen persons have been arrested and charge-sheet has been filed in Court.

(c) & (d): No such proposal is under consideration. '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 rest primarily with the respective State Governments. The State Governments are competent to deal with such offences under the extant provisions of laws. Various advisories have also been issued by Ministry of Home Affairs to States/UTs from time to time, which are available in the Ministry's website viz. www.mha.nic.in.
