

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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Jail policy

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

- (a) whether Government has evolved any jail policy or policy for correction homes over the years, if so, when was the policy adopted, if not, whether Government will consider suggestion for evolving such policy;
- (b) what has been the percentage of past inmates of jails repeatedly committing crimes as against one-time criminals and jails from which States have highest percentage of serial criminals; and
- (c) how many open jails are currently operating in the country and what has been the overall experience of such open jails?

ANSWER

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

(a): "Prisons" is a State subject as per Entry 4 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. Therefore, the administration and management of prisons is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. Model Prison Manual, 2016 encompassing all aspects of prison administration has been circulated to the States/UTs for their adoption.

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(b): This specific information is not maintained centrally. As per data compiled by National Crime Records Bureau, out of 1,86,566 convicts 5,576 were habitual offenders at the end of 2015. State-wise details is at Annex.

(c): As per the data collected from States/UTs by the National Crime Records Bureau, a total of 63 Open Jails are currently operating in the Country at the end of 2015 which has a population of 3,789 corresponding to the sanctioned capacity of 5,370 inmates in these open jails. No study on the overall experience of open jails has been done.
