

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 378
ANSWERED ON 19.07.2017**

Lynching in the name of cow vigilantism

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the brutal act of lynching is on the rise in the name of cow vigilantism and the local police has become totally helpless in controlling the law and order situation at such places;

(b) whether in the latest case of lynching on the Delhi-Mathura train, a youth was brutally murdered on the rumor of beef consumption;

(c) what action Government has taken to ensure that such heinous crime against humanity does not recur in future; and

(d) whether any financial compensation has been provided to the bereaved family?

ANSWER

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

(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 of the citizens rest primarily with the respective State Governments. The State Governments are competent to deal with such offences under the extant provisions of laws. An FIR was registered
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and four persons have been arrested in the case. Central Government attaches highest importance in the prevention of crime and necessary advisory for taking action against miscreants, who disturb law and order in the name of protection of cattle has been issued to States/UTs, which is available in the Ministry of Home Affairs website viz www.mha.nic.in.

(d): The State Government of Haryana released an amount of Rs. 5 lakh in addition to Rs. 5 lakh paid from Waqf Board to the deceased family.
