

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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Lynching of people belonging to certain community

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

- (a) whether lynching of people belonging to a certain community by a majority mob is unabated in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of lynching cases reported in the country in the last three years; and
- (c) what steps Government is taking to rein in States to deal with people who are indulging in lynching cases?

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 rest primarily with the respective State Governments. The State Governments are competent to deal with such offences under the extant provisions of laws. National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) does not maintain data on such attacks.

However, 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.
