

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
QUESTION NO 403  
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**Lynching of persons by cow vigilantes**

403                      Shri Ranjib Biswal

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

- (a) whether the cases of lynching of persons of a particular community particularly by the cow vigilantes have increased manifold in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last one year and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to check recurrence of such incidents?

**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](http://www.mha.nic.in).

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