

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
QUESTION NO 530  
ANSWERED ON 20.12.2017**

[Violence in the name of checking cow smuggling](#)

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in the name of checking cow-smuggling, continuous increase in violence has been registered in various parts of the country;

(b) the details of such violence in the country during the last three years where people have been beaten in the name of checking cow smuggling and the number of people who lost their lives in such cases, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Government believes that the so called cow vigilantes are involved in spreading violence; and

(d) the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) does not maintain separate data in this regard. 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The responsibility to maintain law and order, protection of life and property rests primarily with the respective State Governments. The State Governments are competent to deal with such offences under the extant provisions of laws. The Union Government, however, attaches highest importance to the matter of prevention of crime and therefore, has

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continued to urge the State Governments/ UT Administrations to give more focused attention towards improving the administration of criminal justice system and taking such measures as are necessary for prevention and control of crime within their respective jurisdictions. In this regard, Ministry of Home Affairs has issued an Advisory on untoward incidents in the country on law and order disturbances by miscreants in the name of protection of Cow, to all States/UTs on 9th August 2016, which is available on the website of Ministry of Home Affairs viz. <http://mha.nic.in>.

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