

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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POLICE POPULATION RATIO
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a): The ratio of the population and police officers including Indian Police service Officers in the country alongwith the comparative figures of police officers and the population in different neighbouring countries; and

(b): the details of the steps taken by the Government to reduce the gap between the requirement of the police personnel including IPS officers and actual deployment in view of increasing problem of law and order in the Country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a): There is no standard definition of police officers in India or in neighbouring countries. However, as on the projected population of 118 crore in the year 2010, the ratio of in-position IPS officers per crore population would be about 28.7 in India.

(b): The issue of shortage of IPS officers is a matter of concern to the Government. To minimize the shortage of IPS officers, the batch-size of IPS (direct recruitment) was increased from 88 to 103 in 2005 and to 130 in 2008 and to 150 from 2009 onwards. The Government is also exploring the possibility of introducing an alternate method of recruitment to IPS through Limited Competitive Examination. Further, in the matter of appointment by promotion, the government has also initiated a proposal to prepared the Select List one year in advance to fill up the vacancies when they occur.

As far as gap in the lower ranks is concerned, it is submitted that 'Police' is a State Subject as per the VII Schedule to the Constitution of India. A such, the responsibility of the State Governments to fill up vacancies in police force and improve the police-population ratio rests with the respective State Governments. The Ministry of Home Affairs has been advising the State Governments from time to time in various forums to fill up the existing vacancies in police forces.