

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2704
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CROWD MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether incidents of stampede are on the rise in various places in the country;
- (b) if so, the total number of persons killed/injured, gender-wise during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has issued any directions to the State Governments on crowd management;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per available information, the details of major incidents of stampede during 2007-2010 are as under:-

Place	Date	State/UT	No. of Persons#	
				Killed Injured
Baidayanath Dham,	Deoghar	13.8.2007	Jharkahand	11
Mahakali Temple, Pavagadh	14.10.2007	Gujarat	11	17
Panchamahahal				
Kanakadurga Temple,Vijaywada	3.1.2008	Andhra Pradesh	6	
Mata Janaki Temple, Karila	26.3.2008	Madhya Pardesh	8	11
Jagannath Temple, Puri	4.7.2008	Orissa	6	3
Nainadevi Temple, Bilaspur	3.8.2008	Himachal Pradesh	147	150

Chamunda Devi Temple, Jodhpur 30.09.2008 Rajasthan 215 100

Levva Patel Sanskritik Bhawan, 20.12.2009 Gujarat 9 50
Rajkot

Jetty Ghat, Kakdwip, South 14.1.2010 W. Bengal 7 16
24 Parganas

Pratapgarh 4.3.2010 Uttar Pradesh 63 28

Jagunnath Temple 13.7.2010 Orissa 1 2

Gender-wise data is not centrally maintained in each case.

(c) & (d): An advisory was issued to all States/Uts on 21.2.2005 to take effective steps to manage the crowd during religious festivals/fairs. These measures may, inter-alia, include proper and adequate civic and other logistic arrangements; maintenance of law and order and security arrangements during such festivals. On 1.10.2008, another advisory has been issued to all States/Uts suggesting measures such as allowing manageable number of persons to visit the temple/shrine at a particular time; proper access control procedure / system at every entry/exit point; establishing sound alert system; regular training of staff in evacuation procedures; etc, to avoid recurrence of incidents of stampede in future. On 1.7.2010, the Orissa Government was also advised for taking adequate measures to ward of the possibility of any stampede on the occasion of Rath Yatra.

(e): Does not arise.