

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the ratio of police to population in the country;
- (b) whether it is lower than the international norms;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps of the Government propose to take to redress this situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (d): As per data compiled by the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D), the police –population ratio as on 1.1.2010 is 176.39 per lakh. The police –population ratio as per UN standard is 200 per 100,000 population and when compared with UN norms, there is shortage of policemen.

"Police" being a State subject as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, the responsibility to fill up the vacancies in police and to improve the police-population ratio rests with the respective State Governments. However, the State Governments have been advised from time to time in various forums by the Ministry of Home Affairs to fill up the existing vacancies in State police forces.