

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1459

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SHORTAGE OF POLICE PERSONNEL

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of police personnel against the sanctioned strength in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the total number of posts of police personnel sanctioned for the purpose of internal security along with the details of the actual strength and ratio to the population, cadre-wise;
- (d) the number of vacant posts out of the total sanctioned posts and the reasons for the vacancy;
- (e) whether the number of police personnel working in the posts sanctioned and filled-up is sufficient for the internal security and safety of the lives and property of the people;
- (f) whether Government has any proposal to formulate a policy to fill up the vacant posts within a prescribed time frame; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): As per the data compiled by the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D), the State-wise, rank-wise sanctioned and actual strength and vacancy position of total Police Force (Civil & Armed), as on 1.1.2011, is given in the statement at Annexure-I. The State-wise police-population ratio, as on 1.1.2011, (Sanctioned and Actual) is given in the statement at Annexure-II.

The posts in State Police Forces remain vacant due to various reasons such as retirement, resignation, lengthy recruitment process, promotion of police personnel, etc.

(e) to (g): "Police" being a State subject as per VIIIth Schedule to the Constitution of India, it is the responsibility of the State Governments to fill up the vacancies in police forces. The policy to fill the vacant posts is also to be formulated by States. However, the State Governments have been advised from time to time in various fora by the Ministry of Home Affairs to fill up the existing vacancies in the State Police Forces.