

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3547  
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SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS IN JAILS  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether cases of deaths of prisoners have been reported from the jails of various States;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the total number of prisoners who died and number of those suffering from serious diseases during each of the last three years, State-wise and gender-wise;
- (c) whether there is shortage of doctors and medical facilities in the jails; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of advisories issued by the Union Government to the State Governments in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS<sup>n</sup> (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

- (a) & (b): As per data compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau at the end of 2009, 2010 and 2011, a State/UT an gender-wise statement showing number of natural and unnatural deaths of inmates in various jails of country is at Annxure.
- (c) to (d): As per data compiled by the National Crime Bureau at the end pf 2011, out of sanctioned strength of 1074 posts, ther were 620 Resident Medical Officers/Medical Officers in various jails of the country. "Prisons" is a State subject under Entry 4 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, and Prison Administration is Primarily the responsaibility of the State Governments . However, a comprehensive advisory dated 17th July 2009 has been issued by the Government on "Prison Administration", which also provides for steps to be taken by the States/UTs for medical facilities in prisons.