

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ATROCITIES AGAINST SENIOR CITIZENS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether incidents of crime/atrocities against senior citizens are on the rise in the country;
- (b) if so, the total number of such cases registered during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise, crime-wise and gender-wise;
- (c) the total number of accused persons arrested and the action taken against them along with the cases solved/unsolved during the said period, State-wise; and
- (d) the other preventive steps taken by the Union Government to provide special security to the senior citizens and advisories issued to State Governments in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) to (d): As per the information provided by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) State/UT wise details of elderly persons who are victims of murder, rape, culpable homicide not amounting to murder and kidnapping and abduction for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011 respectively are given at Annexure. As reported by NCRB, no information other than the number of victims (above 50 years of age) is maintained separately.

As per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, "Police" and "Public Order" are State subjects and, as such the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crime including crime against senior citizen lies with the States/UT Administrations. However, the Union Government has issued detailed advisory dated 27.3.2008, to all the State Government/UTs advising them to take immediate measures to ensure safety and security and for elimination of all forms of neglect, abuse and violence against old persons through initiatives such as identification of senior citizens; sensitization of police personnel regarding safety, security of older persons; regular visit of the beat staff; setting up of toll free senior citizen helplines; setting up of senior citizen security cell; verification of domestic helps, drivers, etc.