

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether there are reports of harassment and atrocities against married couples opting love marriage in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of such cases reported along with the accused arrested and the action taken against the guilty persons during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide security and also to set up shelter homes for such married couples; and
- (d) the other measures taken by the Government to check such cases including the details of advisories issued to the State Governments in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) to (d): There have been incidents regarding the disturbance of law and order from various States/UTs involving stray incidents of elopement and marriage by such persons, which incidentally leads to incidents of murders, riots, rapes etc.

Since 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, the State Governments are primarily responsible for the prevention, detection, registration and investigation of crime and for prosecuting the criminals through the machinery of their law enforcement agencies as also for protecting the life and property of the citizens.

However, the Government of India takes cognizance of various incidents and depending upon the gravity of the Crime, seeks reports from the concerned State Governments and take quick remedial action. The Government also supplements the efforts of State Governments by deploying additional Central Police Forces for maintaining the Law and Order.

The information for 2011-2013 and current year on such incidents is not maintained. No other measures have been taken by the Government as the State Governments are quite competent to handle such situation.