

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:671

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WITNESSES TURNING HOSTILE

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of instances of witnesses turning hostile during trial and resulting in several judgements going against the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes Madam, Government is aware of instances of witnesses turning hostile during trial which results in several judgments going against the Government. However, no specific instance of witnesses turning hostile has been brought to the notice of the Government and no data in this regard is maintained in this Ministry.

There are adequate provisions in Section 195A of the Indian Penal Code and Section 195A of Code Criminal Procedure to provide legal recourse to witnesses.