

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6313
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RATIO OF POLICE TO POPULATION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio of police to population and Indian Police Service officer to population in the country in comparison to the neighbouring countries; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to improve the police- population ratio in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) As per the data compiled by the Bureau of Police Research and Development, the police-population ratio in India as on 1.4.2014 is 139.76 policemen per lakh population. The data relating to the ratio of Indian Police Service officers to the population in the country, however, have not been compiled so far. As regards comparative figures of police officers and the population in the neighbouring countries, it is stated that the same is not available with the Central Government.

(b) It is stated that the police is State subject and Central Government has limited role in this regard. However, in so far as the IPS is concerned, it is stated that the batch-size of IPS (direct recruitment) has been increased from 88 to 103 from CSE, 2005, to 130 from CSE, 2008 and to 150 from CSE, 2009. The Government has also introduced a third mode of recruitment to IPS i.e. Limited Competitive Examination to recruit 80 candidates annually. Besides the above, the process of appointments to the Indian Police Service by promotion from State Police Service has been accelerated.