

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CRIMES ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various crimes on the National Highways have been reported in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total number of such cases reported and the action taken against the guilty persons during each of the last three years and the current year, State and crime-wise including robbery; and
- (c) the preventive measures taken by the Government to check and control such cases including deployment of security forces on the National Highways for this purpose?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The State/UT-wise details of various crime cases reported during 2011-2013, which includes cases under dacoity, robbery, burglary and theft on Highways is at Annexure. 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. Therefore, 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. The Union Government, however, attaches highest importance to the matter of prevention of crime and therefore, has continued to urge to the State Governments/UT Administrations to give more focused attention towards improving the administration of criminal justice system and taking such measures as are necessary for prevention and control of crime. The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has also issued necessary guidelines and advisories to the States for prevention of attack to the traveling public in the National Highways, which also includes Night patrolling of police forces, which are deployed by States for strict night vigil to maintain the law & order situation in the States. Hence, there is no need for special plan to deploy security on the National Highways at this juncture.