

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3982
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REPORT ON STARVATION DEATHS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of starvation deaths reported in the country, State-wise, UT-wise during each of the last three years as on date;
- (b) whether the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) have issued notices to several State/UTs to submit report on starvation deaths in their respective States/UTs; and
- (c) if so, the details alongwith the reaction of the States in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (c): The National Human Rights Commission, on the basis of complaints received in respect of starvation deaths in different States and also taking suo motu cognizance, had issued notices to the States of West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh in respect of 93 starvation death cases brought to its notice. The States have attributed the cause of such deaths to illness/mal-nutrition and other natural causes.