

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3319
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 07TH AUGUST, 2026**

MEASURES FOR BAIL WITHOUT SURETIES

†3319. SHRI RAJKUMAR ROAT:

Will the Minister of **LAW AND JUSTICE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons currently imprisoned in jails under judicial orders in the country, State-wise and category-wise, along with the district-wise and category-wise details thereof in respect of Rajasthan;
- (b) the number of such cases reported where individuals continue to remain detained in jails despite being granted bail, solely due to non-depositing of security in the country, State-wise, along with the district-wise and category-wise details thereof in respect of Rajasthan;
- (c) the number of persons belonging to the Scheduled Tribes who remain detained in jails despite being granted bail due to non-depositing of security, State-wise and name-wise along with the nature of offenses for which they are detained;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to grant security-free bail to poors who are unable to deposit security after being granted bail keeping in view of the said problem; and
- (e) if so, the time by which this proposal is likely to be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW
AND JUSTICE; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS**

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) to (c): As per the latest data (as on 31.12.2024) provided by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Ministry of Home Affairs, with respect to number of persons imprisoned in jails in the Country, State/Category-wise, including Rajasthan is at **Annexure-A**. District-wise data is not maintained by the NCRB. As per information provided by National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), the State-wise details, including Rajasthan, of individuals (Under Trial Prisoners), who remain detained in the jails because of non-furnishing of securities as on 30.06.2026 is at

Annexure-B. District-wise and category-wise details are not maintained by NALSA. Further, separate information with respect to Scheduled Tribes is not maintained either by NALSA or NCRB.

(d) and (e): ‘Prisons and Prisoners’ is a State-list subject under Entry 4 of List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. Therefore, the administration and management of prisons and prisoners is the responsibility of respective State Governments. Central Government supplements the efforts of State Governments in this regard. Several initiatives are undertaken by the Central Government to operationalize bail reforms. Section 479 (1) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) provides that “Where a person has, during the period of investigation, inquiry or trial under this Sanhita of an offence under any law (not being an offence for which the punishment of death or life imprisonment has been specified as one of the punishments under that law) undergone detention for a period extending up to one-half of the maximum period of imprisonment specified for that offence under that law, he shall be released by the Court on bail.” Further, technology based alerts are generated through the ePrisons portal under Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) and are sent to concerned officials for taking appropriate action for timely release of undertrial prisoners.

With the objective of providing financial assistance to poor prisoners, who are unable to pay the fine imposed on them or are unable to secure bail due to financial constraints, the Government is implementing a scheme named “Support to Poor Prisoners”. The guidelines and SOP for implementation of the Scheme, has provision for bail assistance amounting upto Rs. 1 lakh, prescribing timelines for case processing, and simplification of procedures for drawal and utilisation of funds. National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) has taken initiatives for establishment of Under Trial Review Committees (UTRCs) in all the districts to recommend for release of eligible undertrial prisoners and convicts. Quarterly meetings are held by UTRCs across the country.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3319 for answer on 07.08.2026 regarding 'Measures for Bail without Sureties'

State/UT-wise Types of Prison Inmates as on 31.12.2024						
Sl. No.	State/UT	Convicts	Undertrials	Detenues	Others	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	2,131	5,705	10	15	7,861
2	Arunachal Pradesh	226	242	0	0	468
3	Assam	3,500	8,144	13	17	11,674
4	Bihar	6,648	45,339	0	3	51,990
5	Chhattisgarh	6,313	12,478	5	2	18,798
6	Goa	95	519	1	0	615
7	Gujarat	5,231	12,286	249	0	17,766
8	Haryana	5,693	19,015	48	0	24,756
9	Himachal Pradesh	1,042	1,942	0	0	2984
10	Jharkhand	4,943	11,232	26	0	16,201
11	Karnataka	3,491	10,908	24	27	14,450
12	Kerala	3,944	6,148	215	0	10,307
13	Madhya Pradesh	21,760	23,132	92	108	45,092
14	Maharashtra	7,066	31,523	414	0	39,003
15	Manipur	121	326	3	0	450
16	Meghalaya	464	918	0	24	1,406
17	Mizoram	639	917	0	0	1,556
18	Nagaland	125	363	26	0	514
19	Odisha	3,736	12,879	1	1	16,617
20	Punjab	6,695	23,922	2	44	30,663
21	Rajasthan	6,086	18,176	7	41	24,310
22	Sikkim	151	151	0	0	302
23	Tamil Nadu	6,007	13,274	1,117	2	20,400
24	Telangana	1,767	5,002	13	0	6,782
25	Tripura	489	1,261	8	3	1,761
26	Uttar Pradesh	27,474	59,194	94	0	86,762
27	Uttarakhand	2,292	3,256	0	0	5,548
28	West Bengal #	4,941	20,294	1	538	25,774
29	A & N Islands	227	168	0	0	395
30	Chandigarh	329	610	0	0	939
31	Dadar Nagar Haveli & Daman Diu	3	111	0	0	114
32	DELHI	2,232	17,178	12	90	19,512
33	Jammu & Kashmir	170	4,552	660	1	5,383
34	Ladakh	3	41	7	0	51
35	Lakshadweep	0	5	0	0	5
36	Puducherry	104	229	0	0	333
	Total (All India)	1,36,138	3,71,440	3,048	916	5,11,542
· As per data provided by States/UTs.						
# Due to non-receipt of data from West Bengal for 2024, data furnished for 2023 has been used.						

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State-wise number of Undertrial Prisoners granted bail by the court, but have not been able to furnish sureties during the period from January, 2026 to June, 2026.			
S. No.	State	Total Number of Prisoners Recommended	Total Number of Prisoners Released
1	Andaman and Nicobar	0	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	91	58
3	Arunachal Pradesh	27	6
4	Assam	477	299
5	Bihar	18	15
6	Chandigarh	14	9
7	Chhattisgarh	38	35
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0
	Daman & Diu	0	0
9	Delhi	186	117
10	Goa	34	7
11	Gujarat	518	452
12	Haryana	95	86
13	Himachal Pradesh	21	19
14	J & K	52	24
15	Jharkhand	118	107
16	Karnataka	93	47
17	Kerala	234	109
18	Ladakh	0	0
19	Lakshadweep	0	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	104	90
21	Maharashtra	1,082	567
22	Manipur	73	13
23	Meghalaya	73	23
24	Mizoram	16	1
25	Nagaland	15	0
26	Odisha	376	171
27	Puducherry	9	9
28	Punjab	774	564
29	Rajasthan	196	140
30	Sikkim	7	5
31	Tamil Nadu	555	262
32	Telangana	311	104
33	Tripura	36	16
34	Uttar Pradesh	819	777
35	Uttarakhand	30	28
36	West Bengal	158	119
TOTAL		6,650	4,279