

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 565
ANSWERED ON 22.10.2008**

PERSONS DIED KILLED IN POLICE CUSTODY .

565 SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to satate :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that 7468 persons have died or been killed in police custody during 2002-07;
- (b) if so, whether large number of these deaths were due to torture as opined by Asian Centre for Human Rights;
- (c) whether any police personnel were identified who were responsible for these `alleged torture deaths`; and
- (d) how many such police personnel were punished?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (d): As per the guidelines issued by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to all State Governments/Union Territories, al cases of custodial deaths are required to be reported to the NHRC within 24 hours of its occurrence alongwith the relevant reports viz. Inquest Reports, Magisterial Inquiry Reports, Post-Mortem Reports.

During the period 2002-2003 to 2007-2008, the NHRC has received a total number of 926 intimations about deaths in police custody. In 70 proven cases of violation of human rights, the NHRC either recommended interim relief/compensation or disciplinary action or prosecution of public servant or both during the period 2002-2003 to 2007-2008.

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