

**Question for written answer E-000371/2017
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - India

According to the National Crime Records Bureau of India, between 2010 and 2015, 591 people died in police custody. The police blame most of the deaths on suicide, illness, or natural causes. However, in many such cases, family members allege that the deaths were the result of torture.

The authorities routinely fail to conduct rigorous investigations and to prosecute police officials implicated in torture and ill-treatment of arrested persons. Does the VP/HR intend to have talks with India's central government and state governments on implementing accountability mechanisms?