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146 senior citizens killed in Maharashtra in three years

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NAGPUR: Home minister RR Patil on Thursday informed that 146 senior citizens were killed in the state during 2009 to 2011. Of these four cases happened in Mumbai in September this year alone. He provided these figures while replying to a query by Arun Gujarathi, Usha Darade and others in legislative council on Thursday.

In the last six months, eight senior citizens were killed and an amount of Rs 8.86 lakh was stolen from them but Rs 8.24 lakh of it was recovered after investigation. The minister said, "the accused in 91 cases were arrested. It is observed that close relatives and in some cases servants were the culprits in most cases. The most common intention behind the murders was disputes on property or loans, differences within family, and under influence of liquor."

According to him, every police station had compiled a separate register of senior citizens residing in its jurisdiction. The details of servants working for the senior citizens were also collected. A toll free helpline was started for the safety of senior citizens. The helpline number for Mumbai was 103 and people from rest of Maharashtra could dial 1029. In response to the call made to these numbers, immediate help would be provided. Also, a special Tanta-Mukta police station was started in Aurangabad, Patil said.