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Title: Regarding safety of women in Odisha -laid.

SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI (BHUBANESWAR): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the deteriorating condition of women in Odisha in terms of safety and health. The "Crime in India" Report 2020, released by the NCRB in September 2021, reveals that Odisha ranks second in terms of violence against women. The rate of crime against women in Odisha is 112.9 cases per lakh of population, as against the crime rate of 103.5 in 2019. There has been an increase of 25.72% in crimes against women since 2018. Further, the "National Family and Health Survey-5" (NFHS-5) indicates that nutritional deficiency in women has worsened in the last 5 years. Two out of three women in the age group of 15-49 years are anaemic. With over 60% anaemic women in rural and urban areas each, anaemia is more prominent among women in rural areas, especially among the younger women.

I implore the Minister of Women and Child Development to call for a report from the Government of Odisha seeking the details of the actions taken for the safety of women and for the improvement of their health in the state.