

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1351**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30TH JULY, 2024/ SHRAVAN 8, 1946 (SAKA)

MISSING WOMEN IN ANDHRA PRADESH

1351 SHRI B K PARTHASARATHI:

SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of women reported missing and found in Andhra Pradesh during each of the last five years, age-wise and district-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry has established any special task forces or investigative units for resolving the issue, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are any social awareness programmes in place for preventing cases of missing women; and

(d) if so, the details of such programmes conducted in Andhra Pradesh during the said period?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI BANDI SANJAY KUMAR)

(a) : The district-wise details of number of female (below 18 years) and female (above 18 years) reported missing and found during years 2019-2023, as furnished by Andhra Pradesh State Government, are at Annexure.

(b) to (d): 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The responsibility of maintaining law and order, protection of life and property of the citizens including women rest with the respective State Governments and the State Governments are competent to deal with such offences under the extant provisions of laws.

However, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has been supplementing the efforts of the State Governments and UTs by taking various initiatives and measures in this regard. MHA has provided financial assistance to all States and UTs for strengthening the existing Anti Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) and for establishing new AHTUs covering all districts of the States and UTs and for setting up Women Help Desk in each police station of States and UTs. It has been informed by the Government of Andhra Pradesh that they have established Anti Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) at each and every district headquarters to combat and prevent the Human Trafficking and Women Help Desks in each and every police station in the State as per the guidelines of Ministry of Home Affairs.

Further, MHA also provides financial assistance to States and UTs for holding “Judicial Colloquiums” and “State level conferences” on periodic basis for sensitizing judicial and police officials and to make available to them updated information on latest provisions on Human Trafficking.

In addition, Ministry of Home Affairs has been issuing advisories to States/UTs to deal with crime against women and children. These advisories are available on MHA’s website at www.mha.gov.in.

Ministry of Women and Child Development has issued the ‘Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for cases of missing children’ to assist Police, child Welfare Committees and Juvenile Justice Board in dealing with the cases of missing and found or recovered children. The objective of the SOP is to put in

place guidelines while dealing with cases of missing children and to work in coordination with the concerned stakeholders and respond with urgency to issues of missing child.

For providing outreach services to missing children and needy children, the Ministry of Women and Child Development operates Child Helpline No. 1098, which is operational 24/7. Apart from this, Railway Child lines at major railway platforms are also being operated to provide assistance to any needy child.

Ministry of Women and Child Development has also initiated the "TrackChild Portal", which enables tracking of the missing and found children. Under this, logins have been provided to the Police Stations, Juvenile Justice Boards and Child Care Institutions whereby they are required to update the information, on the portal, about missing and found children regularly. One Component of Track Child Portal is 'Khoya-Paya', where any citizen can report missing children as well as sightings of their whereabouts without losing much time.

Further, the Central Government undertakes awareness drives, media campaigns and outreach programmes and issues advisories to the States/UTs from time to time to increase awareness among citizens on various issues pertaining to women and girls. The National Commission of Women (NCW) also undertake awareness programmes and consultations with stakeholders from time to time. Additionally, Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that it is conducting the following programmes:-

- **State Level Conferences on Human Trafficking (offline & online) with AHTU officers in collaboration with line departments in the State and NGOs;**
- **Awareness & motivation campaigns to the Women/female students/children against sexual exploitation and remedial measures;**
- **Counseling to the Women/Women Victims and providing amicable solution to their grievance;**
- **Communicating the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on Anti Human Trafficking, Women & Child Safety issued by the Government of India, from time to time to all the Police Units in the State for its strict implementation;**
- **Formulated and circulated Standard Operating procedures “for Investigation of cases of Human Trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation” and “Crime against Women” to all the Police Units in the State for its strict implementation;**
- **Andhra Pradesh Police launched a focused campaign against trafficking and all forms of abuse against women and children under the banner “CAMPAIGN VIMUKTHI”.**

**District-wise no. of Missing and Traced (Including Previous Years Missing Persons) Female
(Below 18 Years and 18 Years and above) during year 2019**

S. No.	Name of the Unit	Below 18 years		18 Years and Above		Total Female	
		Missing	Traced (Including Previous years Missing persons)	Missing	Traced (Including Previous years Missing persons)	Missing	Traced (Including Previous years Missing persons)
1	Srikakulam	52	51	179	152	231	203
2	Vizianagaram	82	79	168	142	250	221
3	Visakhapatnam City	26	28	426	447	452	475
4	Visakhapatnam Rural	31	25	156	145	187	170
5	Rajahmundry Urban	51	52	182	146	233	198
6	East Godavari	102	100	257	236	359	336
7	West Godavari	168	171	451	380	619	551
8	Vijaywada City	172	168	349	405	521	573
9	Krishna	27	26	255	239	282	265
10	Guntur Urban	46	46	247	247	293	293
11	Guntur Rural	113	113	327	312	440	425
12	Prakasam	96	93	248	236	344	329
13	Nellore	111	99	234	206	345	305
14	Kurnool	174	171	330	294	504	465
15	Anantapur	280	275	486	450	766	725
16	YSR Kadapa	176	165	299	285	475	450
17	Tirupati Urban	68	90	192	186	260	276
18	Chittoor	151	150	168	161	319	311
19	RP Vijayawada	2	2	10	10	12	12
20	RP Guntakal	0	0	4	0	4	0
Total		1928	1904	4968	4679	6896	6583

**District-wise no. of Missing and Traced (Including Previous Years Missing Persons) Female
(Below 18 Years and 18 Years and above) during year 2020**

S. No.	Name of the Unit	Below 18 years		18 Years and Above		Total Female	
		Missing	Traced (Including Previous years Missing persons)	Missing	Traced (Including Previous years Missing persons)	Missing	Traced (Including Previous years Missing persons)
1	Srikakulam	67	55	186	165	253	220
2	Vizianagaram	35	43	175	158	210	201
3	Visakhapatnam City	54	33	377	303	431	336
4	Visakhapatnam Rural	60	60	139	147	199	207
5	Rajahmundry Urban	61	54	145	153	206	207
6	East Godavari	125	65	390	238	515	303
7	West Godavari	177	186	511	555	688	741
8	Viajywada City	92	96	307	291	399	387
9	Krishna	37	37	296	303	333	340
10	Guntur Urban	77	70	204	204	281	274
11	Guntur Rural	111	106	299	283	410	389
12	Prakasam	85	92	286	263	371	355
13	Nellore	120	115	305	282	425	397
14	Kurnool	217	207	417	398	634	605
15	Anantapur	284	278	585	540	869	818
16	YSR Kadapa	138	149	277	287	415	436
17	Tirupati Urban	87	88	149	183	236	271
18	Chittoor	262	259	433	422	695	681
19	RP Vijayawada	2	2	2	6	4	8
20	RP Guntakal	1	2	1	11	2	13
Total		2092	1997	5484	5192	7576	7189

**District-wise no. of Missing and Traced (Including Previous Years Missing Persons)
Female (Below 18 Years and 18 Years and above) during year 2021**

S. No.	Name of the Unit	Below 18 years		18 Years and Above		Total Female	
		Missing	Traced (Including Previous years Missing persons)	Missing	Traced (Including Previous years Missing persons)	Missing	Traced (Including Previous years Missing persons)
1	Srikakulam	85	86	203	215	288	301
2	Vizianagaram	38	30	215	177	253	207
3	Visakhapatnam City	155	161	636	668	791	829
4	Visakhapatnam Rural	51	54	165	158	216	212
5	Rajahmundry Urban	72	73	199	162	271	235
6	East Godavari	191	160	502	530	693	690
7	West Godavari	187	180	543	521	730	701
8	Viajywada City	128	115	399	386	527	501
9	Krishna	32	34	314	311	346	345
10	Guntur Urban	138	131	302	303	440	434
11	Guntur Rural	206	199	461	445	667	644
12	Prakasam	198	178	377	343	575	521
13	Nellore	177	174	352	345	529	519
14	Kurnool	261	234	604	624	865	858
15	Anantapur	446	443	778	789	1224	1232
16	YSR Kadapa	204	204	369	26	573	230
17	Tirupati Urban	147	156	211	232	358	388
18	Chittoor	265	272	462	485	727	757
19	RP Vijayawada	0	0	9	7	9	7
20	RP Guntakal	0	0	3	5	3	5
Total		2981	2884	7104	6732	10085	9616

District-wise no. of Missing and Traced (Including Previous Years Missing Persons) Female (Below 18 Years and 18 Years and above) during year 2022

S. No.	Name of the Unit	Below 18 years		18 Years and Above		Total Female	
		Missing	Traced (Including Previous years Missing persons)	Missing	Traced (Including Previous years Missing persons)	Missing	Traced (Including Previous years Missing persons)
1	Srikakulam	119	108	272	270	391	378
2	Parvathipuram Manyam	13	12	69	70	82	82
3	Vizianagaram	29	29	217	221	246	250
4	Visakhapatnam	100	110	415	486	515	596
5	Alluri Sitarama Raju	54	45	26	27	80	72
6	Anakapalli	56	61	141	128	197	189
7	Kakinada	94	94	295	320	389	414
8	East Godavari	139	152	264	285	403	437
9	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema	77	90	190	226	267	316
10	Eluru	98	102	315	325	413	427
11	West Godavari	95	89	248	219	343	308
12	NTR	172	162	689	683	861	845
13	Krishna	85	84	283	276	368	360
14	Palnadu	111	116	253	286	364	402
15	Guntur	174	173	514	485	688	658
16	Bapatla	79	78	218	197	297	275
17	Prakasam	151	159	323	336	474	495
18	Nellore	200	219	342	344	542	563
19	Kurnool	94	185	144	444	238	629
20	Nandyal	96	102	204	216	300	318
21	Anantapur	220	226	431	479	651	705
22	Sri Satya Sai	168	138	256	227	424	365
23	YSR Kadapa	164	168	272	273	436	441
24	Annamayya	135	136	157	153	292	289
25	Tirupati	217	211	398	425	615	636
26	Chittoor	177	172	361	358	538	530
27	RP Vijayawada	0	0	13	10	13	10
28	RP Guntakal	1	0	5	4	6	4
Total		3118	3221	7315	7773	10433	10994

District-wise no. of Missing and Traced (Including Previous Years Missing Persons) Female (Below 18 Years and 18 Years and above) during year 2023 (Tentative figures)

S. No	Name of the Unit	Below 18 years		18 Years and Above		Total Female	
		Missing	Traced (Including Previous years Missing persons)	Missing	Traced (Including Previous years Missing persons)	Missing	Traced (Including Previous years Missing persons)
1	Srikakulam	73	81	250	256	323	337
2	Parvathipuram Manyam	11	16	59	103	70	119
3	Vizianagaram	59	56	172	191	231	247
4	Visakhapatnam	221	188	514	436	735	624
5	Alluri Sitarama Raju	14	17	24	25	38	42
6	Anakapalli	65	73	192	201	257	274
7	Kakinada	131	130	208	263	339	393
8	East Godavari	133	131	232	262	365	393
9	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema	14	21	148	148	162	169
10	Eluru	99	110	300	293	399	403
11	West Godavari	86	87	32	69	118	156
12	NTR	281	291	807	760	1088	1051
13	Krishna	49	49	268	260	317	309
14	Palnadu	77	71	101	100	178	171
15	Guntur	92	91	306	296	398	387
16	Bapatla	86	82	166	168	252	250
17	Prakasam	139	124	243	216	382	340
18	Nellore	143	144	260	271	403	415
19	Kurnool	124	123	243	232	367	355
20	Nandyal	110	97	233	222	343	319
21	Anantapur	261	260	410	432	671	692
22	Sri Satya Sai	214	195	298	315	512	510
23	YSR Kadapa	152	147	233	223	385	370
24	Annamayya	91	91	145	127	236	218
25	Tirupati	192	194	344	324	536	518
26	Chittoor	202	201	367	361	569	562
27	RP Vijayawada	2	2	15	10	17	12
28	RP Guntakal	0	1	4	3	4	4
Total		3121	3073	6574	6567	9695	9640