

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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U.N. ANTI- HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNITS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Drugs and Crime Wing of the U.N. intends to set up anti-human trafficking units for the care and protection of the sexually exploited people in the country;
- (b) if so, role the Government is likely to play in the UN initiative;
- (c) whether training has been provided to the police officials selected to combat trafficking in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MAIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) & (b): A few Anti Human Trafficking Units are proposed to be developed or strengthened at state level in select states under a two-year project on `Strengthening Law Enforcement Response against Trafficking in Persons through Training and Capacity Building` which has been taken up by the Ministry of Home Affairs in association with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime . The primary role of Anti Human Trafficking Units would be law enforcement and they would liaise and take up with other concerned agencies for care & rehabilitation of victims.

(c) & (d): `Police` being a State subject, training of State Police personnel is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, efforts of the States are being supplemented by the Central Government through training of their Police officers. The Bureau of Police Research & Development has been organizing workshops-cum-seminars on `Trafficking in Persons and Role of Police` at various places in the country for Station House Officers, Sub-Divisional Police Officers and equivalent rank officers. Also, a series of training programmes have been envisaged under the aforesaid project on `Strengthening Law Enforcement Response against Trafficking in Persons through Training and Capacity Building` for the police officers and prosecutors to deal with the problem of human trafficking.