

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2037

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STREET CHILDREN

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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the number of street children have increased during the last three years in the country;
- (b) if so,the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of programmes being implemented for the welfare of street children;and
- (d) the effective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to curb this menace in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

- (a): There is no definite estimate of the number of street children in the country,as their numbers keep fluctuating.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing a scheme namely 'An Integrated Programme for Street Children' for the welfare and rehabilitation of street children.
- (d): The Ministry of Women and Child Development has formulated a new centrally sponsored scheme namely Integrated Child Protection Scheme [ICPS] for implementation during the XI plan period through the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations under which provision has been made for setting up of 'Transitional and Open Shelters' which will offer services like counseling, bridge education,vocational training, etc. in urban and semi-urban areas for such children. The scheme is awaiting competent approval.