

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SALE OF CHILDREN DUE TO POVERTY
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been incidents of selling of children due to object poverty;
- (b) if so, the number of such incidents that have come to the notice of the Government during the last one year;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to stop such incidents; and
- (d) the amount of assistance being provided by the Government to the organizations who which come forward to provide shelter to such children alongwith the State-wise details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(D. NAPOLEON)

- (a) & (b) No such information is available.
- (c) The initiatives of the Ministry of Women and Child Development for combating trafficking of women and children for commercial sexual exploitation is at Annexure-I.
- (d) For the victims of trafficking Ujjawala a comprehensive scheme for prevention of trafficking and rescue, rehabilitation and re-integration of victims of trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation, has been launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development on 04.12.2007. The financial assistance granted to the NGO upto 08.09.2009 is at Annexure-II.

The Ministry of Women & Child Development has launched newly Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Integrated Child Protection Scheme with the objective to provide a safe and secure environment for overall development of children who are in need of care and protection and children in conflict with law, in the country. The Scheme also provides preventive, statutory and care and rehabilitation services to vulnerable children. The Scheme is implementing through the State Governments/UT Administrations, Childline India Foundation (CIF), Mumbai and National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development(NIPCCD) from the current financial year 2009-10. The budget allocation under the Scheme for the current financial year is Rs.60 crores out of which Rs. 3 crore has been released to CIF, Mumbai for implementation of childline services in the country.