

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN LIVING ON FOOTPATHS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government is aware of any report of United Nations Organisation on the subject ``Enhancing Urban Safety and Security Global Report on Human Settlement`` about the children living on the footpaths in a large number in the big metro cities and small cities of the country; and

(b): if so, the reaction of the Government thereto alongwith the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a): A Global Report on Human Settlements 2007 by UN Habitat titled "Enhancing Urban Safety and Security" available on the UN website has reported inter-alia that a large number of children are living on streets in several countries including India.

(b): The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementating a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, "Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)" under which there is provision for setting up of "Open Shelters" in urban and semi-urban areas for such children. The objective is to provide shelter, nutrition, health care, education, vocational training etc. and also protection from abuse and neglected life on the street. The details of the ICPS are available on the Ministry's web-site – www.wcd/nic.in.