

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:719
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DEATH OF SPECIAL HOMES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several cases of children deaths in various special homes run by the Government have been reported in the country;
- (b) if so, the total number of such cases registered by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including NCT of Delhi;
- (c) whether the National Human Rights Commission has issued any instruction/notice to the various State Governments in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the State Governments; and;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to curb such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) & (b): No such information is maintained by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). Ministry of Women & Child Development has also informed that no such report has been received by them from any of the State Government/UT Administration. In view of above, information regarding children deaths in special homes, is being collected from States/UTs, including NCT of Delhi & (d): Yes, sir. The directions issued by National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) are at Annexure-I. No report has been received by Ministry of Home Affairs in this regard.

(e): As per Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, 'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects, as such the primary responsibility of prevention detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crimes, including crimes against children, lies with the State Governments. However, Government of India is deeply concerned with the welfare of children and through various schemes and advisories to State Governments, augments the efforts of law enforcement agencies and welfare departments of States/UTs responsible for ensuring protection and well being of the children. In this regard, Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD) has also launched a comprehensive Centrally Sponsored 'Integrated Child Protection Scheme' (ICPS) which aims at providing safe and secure environment for the children of the country.