

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

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SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMAN AND GIRLS

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

(a) : whether the Government is contemplating to make any stringent legislation to deal with the criminals indulging in the sexual exploitation and various other types of harassment of women and minor girls and also to stop such crimes;

(b) : if so, the details thereof; and

(c) : the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) : Yes, Madam.

(b) : The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 is the premier legislation for preventing trafficking of persons including women and children for commercial sexual exploitation. There is a proposal to further amend and provide for more stringent penalties on traffickers and other perpetrators of the crime and to delete those provisions which result in re-victimization of the victim.

(c) : Since this is a legislative process, no time frame can be spelt out.