

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5796  
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HELPLINE FOR WOMEN  
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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a): whether the condition of the woman is very bad in the country especially in the rural areas;
- (b): if so, whether there is any plan to set up a helpline for woman in the country;
- (c): if so, the details thereof;
- (d): the kind of help to be provided through this helpline; and
- (e): the time by which this helpline would be operationalised ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): As per 2001 census, there are 34.3 million widows and 2.34 million divorced and separated women in the country. Ministry of Women & Child Development is already implementing the scheme of Swadhar for women in difficult circumstances under which assistance is also provided for running hiplines. These hiplines offer counselling facility to women who are in distress and need immediate help. As on date, there are 258 hiplines functioning across the country.