

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEY ON WOMEN SECURITY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Centre for Equity and Inclusion has conducted any survey on the security of women in the NCT of Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details and outcome of the survey; and
- (c) the details of recommendations made by such centre, if any?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. The Centre for Equity and Inclusion has conducted a survey on the violence against women. It was conducted to determine the perception and experience of violence against women in public places in the city of Delhi. The key findings of the survey are as follows:

- # sexual harassment in public places in Delhi is a very common phenomenon.
- # Women's vulnerability to harassment in public places crosscuts age, marital status and economic strata.
- # Women are vulnerable in crowded spaces as well as lonely ones, during the day as well as in the night.
- # Economic dependence, physical structure and their inability to protest make women vulnerable.
- # Response of the public is shockingly inadequate.
- # Low awareness of law and support mechanisms.
- # Women do not have much faith in law enforcement agencies.
- # Harassment in public places has a hugely negative impact on women's mobility and access.

(c): Recommendations made by the centre are as follows:

- # long term need for behavior and mind set change of the perpetrators of harassment.
- # sensitization of state machinery.
- # Pro-activeness of the public and empowerment of women and girls.
- # Encouraging girls and women to protest.
- # Equipping the girls with self defense strategies.
- # Putting in place preventive and redressal strategies.
- # Taking serious note of gender base violations.
- # Awareness campaigns on laws and support services.
- # Sensitizing the public to come forward to assist women facing harassment in public places.