

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

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SURVEY ON ORPHAN CHILDREN  
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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing number of orphan children living in pathetic conditions on pavements in metropolitan cities and various railway stations across the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any survey in this regard and the details thereof; and (
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken to ameliorate the condition of such children ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) No authenticated data is available with the Ministry as it has not conducted any survey regarding the same.

(c) The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing a scheme namely 'An Integrated Programme for Street Children' exclusively for the welfare of street children. The target group of the scheme is street children particularly those without homes and family ties and children especially vulnerable to abuse and exploitation such as children of sex workers and children of pavement dwellers.

The Ministry has recently introduced a new centrally sponsored scheme namely 'Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)' for implementation during 11th Five Year Plan under which there is provision for setting up of 'Open Shelter' in urban and semi-urban areas for such children. The objective is to provide such children, shelter, nutrition, health care, education, vocational training, etc. and also protection from abuse and neglect.