

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has directed all the hotels and tourist spots to set up a mechanism that will help in timely detection of sex related crimes against women and children; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a & (b): As per Seventh Schedule, 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the Constitution, and as such the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crimes, including crimes against women and children, lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. However, the Union Government attaches highest importance to the matter of prevention and control of crime against women and children. Ministry of Home Affairs has sent detailed advisories dated 4th September, 2009 and dated 14th July, 2010 to all State Governments.

As per the information provided by Ministry of Tourism, the Ministry of Tourism has advised all State Governments/UTs to deploy tourist police. The Ministry of Tourism along with the stakeholders has also adopted the Code of Conduct for 'Safe & honourable Tourism' is a set of guidelines to be voluntarily adopted by the stakeholders, primarily to encourage tourism activities to be undertaken with respect for basic rights like dignity, safety and freedom from exploitation of both tourists and local residents, in particular, women and children. A pledge to adhere by the tenets of 'Safe & Honourable Tourism' was formally signed by the stakeholders on 27th September, 2010. Ministry of Tourism has also advised all the State Governments/UT Administrations to take forward the initiative with active involvement of the official machinery as well as private sector and requesting them that awareness generation and training programmes be organised.