

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3132
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PLACEMENT AGENCIES IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports of involvement of placement agencies in human trafficking including women and children in the country;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto alongwith the action taken against agencies involved in such activity;
- (c) whether there are also reports indicating that women are being trafficked to foreign countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the follow up action taken by the Government thereto;
- (f) whether the High Court of Kolkata has ordered the police to prepare a status report on women trafficking;
- (g) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (h) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government to check the said activity?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Instances of alleged human trafficking by placement agencies and trafficking of women to foreign countries have been reported. These cases are registered and investigated as per law.

(f) & (g): Ministry of Home Affairs in Government of India has not received such order from High Court of Kolkata.

(h): Government of India has adopted a multi-pronged approach to combat human trafficking viz., issuing of Advisory dated 09.09.2009 to States/UTs to deal with the crime of trafficking in a holistic manner and to evolve an effective and comprehensive strategy encompassing rescue, relief and rehabilitation of victims besides taking deterrent action against the law violators; launching of Certificate Course on Anti Human trafficking by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) in partnership with MHA and implementing a comprehensive scheme for strengthening law enforcement response by establishing integrated Anti Human trafficking Units and Training of Trainers. In this regard, Ministry of Home Affairs has released funds to the tune of Rs. 8.72 crores in the current financial year.