

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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REPORT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the survey of Thompson Reuters Foundation, India is ranked fourth in the world in human trafficking;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the reports received in this regard during the last three years, Statewise; and
- (d) the preventive measures being taken by the Government to curb such activities in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) to (c): As per media reports, a survey was conducted by Trust Law Women, a women's rights information service from the Thomson Reuters Foundation and ranked India fourth in the world in Human Trafficking. Ministry of Home Affairs in the Government of India has not received any report on the subject. Moreover, Government of India does not take any cognizance of any report of the private organization.

(d): 'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects, the primary responsibility for preventing and combating the crime of human trafficking lies with the State Governments. However, Government of India has adopted a multi-pronged approach to combat human trafficking setting up of Anti Trafficking Nodal Cell in Ministry of Home Affairs; 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 year 2010-11. Ministry of Women & Child Development also runs shelter based homes, such as Short Stay-Homes, Swadhar Homes for women in difficult circumstances including trafficked victims.