

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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THOMSON REUTERS FOUNDATION REPORT ON WOMEN  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Thomson Reuters foundation has recently revealed in their report that India is the fourth most dangerous place in the world for women;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): 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 because of its poor record on Human Trafficking and the widespread practice of female foeticide. 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.

(c): '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.