

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1615  
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THEFT OF CHILDREN  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware of incidents of theft of girl child and selling of new born girls by their parents being reported across the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) to (c): There have been some reported incidents on theft of girl child and selling of new born girls.

As per information provided by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), data on theft of girl child and selling of new born girls by parents is not maintained by NCRB.

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 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 children. Ministry of Home Affairs a detailed advisory dated 14th July, 2010 to all State Governments and UT Administrations wherein States/UTs have been advised to ensure all steps for improving the safety conditions in schools/ institutions, public transport used by students, children's parks/play grounds, residential localities/ roads etc. It has also been advised that the crime prone areas should be identified and a mechanism be put in place to monitor infractions in such areas for ensuring the safety and security of students, especially girls. For this purpose the States/UTs have been advised to take following steps:

- i. Increase the number of beat Constables;
- ii. Increase the number of police help booths/kiosks, especially in remote and lonely stretches;
- iii. Increase police patrolling, especially during nights;
- iv. Posting police officers especially women, fully equipped with policing infrastructure in crime- prone areas in adequate number.