

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:24
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NATIONAL HELPLINE FOR WOMEN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposed to set up a National Helpline for Women in distress;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented;
- (d) whether it is proposed to extend the said facility throughout the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) to(e): The Working Group on Women's Agency and Empowerment for the Twelfth Five Year Plan set up by the Planning Commission and the Steering Group on Women's Agency and Child Rights for the Twelfth Five Year Plan had recommended setting up of a women's helpline. Accordingly, the Ministry of Women & Child Development has initiated the process of setting up of a National Helpline for women in distress. The proposed toll free helpline would be available throughout the country.