

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

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN  
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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of rape cases reported to the National Commission for Women (NCW) during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether a large number of rape cases have been reported from Maharashtra during the said period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the suggestions received by the NCW to curb the menace of rape and the action taken thereon;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to formulate any specific policy in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): The State/UT-wise details of the number of complaints regarding rape registered with National Commission for Women (NCW) during last three years and the current year are given at Annexe.

(b) & (c): Maharashtra reported 4,3,3 and 11 cases of rape to NCW during 2010,2011, 2012 and 2013 (upto 4.3.2013), respectively.

(d) to (f): The NCW has suggested amendments in the Law to make punishment for rape and sexual offences more stringent and formulation of scheme for relief and rehabilitation for victims of rape. Taking this into account, the scheme of 'Restorative Justice to Victim of Rape' as a component of Umbrella Scheme for Protection and Empowerment of Women has been formulated by Ministry of Women and Child Development for implementation during the remaining years of the 12th Plan.

Recently, Government has promulgated the Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 2013, which seeks to make punishment for sexual assault more stringent. The Government has also enacted 'The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012' to provide protection to all children under the age of 18 years from the offences of sexual assault, sexual harassment and pornography.