

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF HIMMAT APPLICATION FOR WOMEN

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently launched women safety application 'Himmat';
- (b) if so, the details and objectives thereof;
- (c) the number of complaints received on 'Himmat' application set up by Delhi Police for safety of women and the action taken thereon;
- (d) the efforts made by the Government to create awareness regarding 'Himmat' application among women and to encourage them to use it; and
- (e) the steps taken to implement 'Himmat' in other States, especially in Jharkhand and Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (b): Yes Madam. Mobile Application 'Himmat' for Android phones was launched on 01/01/2015. The application is functioning 24X7 in the Central Police Control Room to help women in distress. It is a specialized SOS Safety Application for Android smart phone users. This application helps women to raise SOS alert in case of any emergency and the same gets reported along with victim/ caller location in real time on the computer consoles placed in the Central Police Control Room. An automatic 30 second audio video recording is also triggered off on pressing the SOS button. Immediately after the SOS is received the console operator calls the victim and if there is no response, the nearest PCR Van and local police is rushed to the spot. The relatives of the victim, whose details are available on the server (given during the registration process), are also contacted.

(c): Till 25/2/2015, total downloads from Google Play store is 30,867; the total number of registrations with Delhi Police is 5356; and 1510 testing SOS calls have been received from the users. Out of these, 1139 SOS are from Delhi. However, apart from 2 calls, all of them are test calls from public.

(d): Information is provided to the vulnerable sections through interactions by the police officers in Schools, colleges & self defence camps. A Facebook page has been created. Information is available on the Delhi Police Website.

(e): 'Police' being State subject, the extension of 'Himmat' to other States have to be decided by the concerned State Governments after taking into account the emergency response system already available with them.