

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

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ABANDONED GIRL CHILD
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the rising incidents of abandoning of newly born girl child in various parts of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the preventive steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard as well as for the protection and upbringing of such abandoned hapless girl child in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) Ministry of Women and Child Development does not have specific information in this regard;

(b): The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) under which financial assistance is provided to State Governments/UT Administrations, inter-alia, for setting up of and maintenance of Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs) for the placement of orphan, abandoned or surrendered children for adoption. The Scheme also provides for family based non-institutional care through adoption, sponsorship and foster-care.