GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3234 ANSWERED ON:17.03.2015 HELPLINE FOR WOMEN Lekhi Smt. Meenakashi

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of women safety/ emergency helplines and the helpline numbers used in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether these helplines have been successful in addressing emergency complaints;
- (c) if so, the details of the number of complaints addressed by each helpline and the corresponding number of calls received during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce a single helpline for uniformity and easy recognition in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c) There is no centralized data available with the Ministry of Home Affairs on number of women safety/emergency helplines operating in the country. Hence satisfaction level in redressal of grievances cannot be ascertained.
- (d) and (e) The Ministry of Home Affairs has de-cided to establish an emergency response system to attend women in distress which will have a unique number operable throughout the country. The Ministry of Women and Child Development is also setting up a universal helpline desi- gned to support women affected by violence both in public and private places including the family, community workplace etc.