

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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OPERATION SMILE AND MILAP
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched `Operation Smile` and `Operation Milap` in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of such projects; and
- (c) the reaction of the State Governments in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Ghaziabad Police, Uttar Pradesh launched an operation named 'Operation Smile' in the month of September, 2014 to identify, track, locate, rescue and rehabilitate children who went missing and found to be subjected to abuse and exploitation. Till date 553 children from various parts of the country have been recovered and most of them have been handed over to their parents by the Ghaziabad Police. Thereafter, Government of Uttar Pradesh implemented a similar operation throughout the State.

Delhi Police have also launched a special drive `Operation Milap' to reunite missing children with their parents through the Anti Human Trafficking Units(AHTU). In this special drive, all the Children Homes in Delhi are checked for matching the records of the children inmates with the available data of missing/kidnapped children. So far, 165 children staying in Children Homes, railway platforms, bus stands, roads, religious places etc of Delhi have been handed over to their families.

Ministry of Home Affairs also took an initiative in this regard and directed all the State Governments/UTs to launch a sustained campaign for a month in January, 2015 on the lines of `Operation Smile'.

State Government/UTs appreciated the initiative of MHA and as per reports available from 8 States/UTs, so far more than 2500 children were rescued during this Operation.