

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

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TRAINING OF OFFICERS UNDER PWDVA
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union and State Governments' Officers including police officers and members of the judicial services are not being given adequate training for sensitization and awareness creation on the issues of domestic violence as mandated by Section 11 of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act (PWDVA), 2005;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the mechanism put in place by the Government for redressal of grievances in case the officers under the said act fail to perform their duty; and
- (d) the other corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): All the State Governments/UT Administrations are responsible for implementation of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act (PDWVA), 2005. The Central Government has been emphasising upon the need to impart training to First Class Judicial Magistrates/Metropolitan Magistrates to deal with cases under Domestic violence Act through National/State Judicial Academies. The Ministry of Women and Child Development conducted a National Consultation in January, 2012 to review implementation of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 and to discuss the difficulties faced by State/UTs Government in implementation of the Act. It was inter-alia recommended that the State Government may organize regular trainings and meetings of all agencies in order to strengthen their capacities and facilitate interagency coordination. The States may also organise sensitization and training workshop for the Judiciary to sensitize about the requirement of police assistance at the time of enforcement.