

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

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Record/Data of Orphan Children

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

whether the Government has any record/data regarding the number of orphan children in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the manner and ways in which Government implements the welfare scheme for orphan children; and

(d) the reaction of the Government to conduct any survey to find exact number of orphan children in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): There is no data available centrally regarding the number of orphan children in the country.

(c): The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing the centrally sponsored Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) for rehabilitation and reintegration of children in difficult circumstances, including orphan children in the country. Under ICPS, financial assistance is provided to State Governments/UT Administrations for both institutional care and non-institutional care services. Accordingly, grants are provided for setting up and maintenance of Homes of various types, adoption agencies as well as Open Shelters in Urban and Semi-Urban areas, wherein children are provided with services required for ensuring their well being and development such as shelter, food, education, vocational training, counselling etc.

(d): No such proposal is under consideration of the Ministry.

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