

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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WOMEN SAFETY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Japan and United States have announced joint support for the United Nations Women's Safe City Programme in the NCT of Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether agencies of the United Nations are providing assistance to various States in India to undertake various programmes to prevent sexual violence against women in public places; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) to (d): Ministry of External Affairs has informed that a 'Fact Sheet' dated 25th April, 2014 on 'US-Japan Global and Regional Cooperation' makes a reference to their support to United Nations Women Safe Cities programme in Delhi, which is part of United Nations Women's Safe City free of violence against women global programme and this announcement was apparently made during the visit of US President Obama to Tokyo.

Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that United Nations Development Fund for Women had signed Memorandum of Understanding with their Department of Women and Child Development on 04.06.2010 for three years, which expired during June, 2013. United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women has approached the Department for signing of an aspirational generalized Memorandum of Understanding for the safe city programme for future collaboration. The overall objective of the programme is to strive to eliminate violence against women and girls. Transport Department, GNCTD and Delhi Transport Corporation are among the stakeholders in the safe city programme.

Delhi Police has received approval from the Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology for implementing Rs.40 crore "Safe and Secure Delhi" project assisted by World Bank and an amount of Rs. 14.745 Crore has been granted to Delhi Police in the first phase of the project.