

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

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PROGRAMMES FOR SELF DEFENCE
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched/proposes to launch any programme to train women and girls in the art of self-defence;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of central assistance provided to the States to run such programmes in the country, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Ministry of Home Affairs have been consulted and they have informed that Self-defence skills are being encouraged and imparted in many States / UTs to women and children more as a confidence building measure rather than a substitute to State policy. Further as per Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India "Police" and "Public Order" are State subjects and, as such, the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crime, lies with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Government of India is deeply concerned with the welfare of women and through various legislations, schemes and advisories impacting women's safety to the State Governments / Union Territory Administrations, augment the efforts of the States / UTs.