

Title: Reported missing of infants and children in the Country.

SHRIMATI ARCHANA NAYAK (KENDRAPARA): There is a growing trend of disappearance of infants and children in various parts of our country. Hundreds of children are reported missing each year in our country. If we are not able to provide safety to our children, the life of our future generation will be at risk. It is really shocking that in spite of a large police force in our country, we are not able to prevent this heinous crime against our innocent infants and children.

Latest in the series is the barbaric incident of NOIDA's Nithari village where the complaints of 40 missing children during the last one year failed to wake up the police. Such incidents are the greatest shame to our nation and we have to hang our heads in shame before the world nations. There are a number of similar missing cases of children in various parts of our country which go unreported or cases not registered by the police.

Had the police acted swiftly and tried to establish the linkage between missing persons in such cases, the figures of murdered children would have been very less and many missing children could have been traced out.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to take urgent steps to make our law more stringent and have Director-General level Conferences of Police in this regard so that our police force do not turn a blind eye towards the shocking trend of missing infants and children in our country. Thank you.