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Title: Need to set up a Committee to check child sexual abuse.

SHRIMATI ARCHANA NAYAK (KENDRAPARA): Sir, child sexual abuse is a matter of great concern and is steadily increasing in our country. There have been reports that some clinics conduct studies on school children by examining their private parts to further their visits abroad. There has also been a shocking report that one North-West Delhi school student was sodomised by a teacher for a year till the authorities took action. A recent survey conducted by the Government shows that out of 12,500 children interviewed, 53.22 per cent had faced at least one form of sexual abuse or the other. Of these, 49.92 per cent children stated that they had faced sexual abuse in schools.

In view of the above, I urge upon the Government to take urgent necessary action to set up a Children's Committee where children can express themselves freely. Law should also be made to direct the school managements to conduct police verifications of their staff and monitor visitors to the school.