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Title: Need to take steps to check violence against women in the country.

SHRIMATI P.K. SHREEMATHI TEACHER (KANNUR): Thank you, Sir.

I would like to express my serious disappointment that the Government has not implemented any of the announcements made in the Budget and the statements of hon. Minister Shrimati Gandhi in the House and to the Press. The UPA Government had set apart Rs. 1,000 crore every year for the Nirbhaya Fund. The present Government has also done the same. Now, Rs.3,000 is lying unutilised. In this year's Budget also Rs.1000 crore is allotted for the same.

In the background of rape and sexual harassment cases coming out every day, it is highly lamentable that the Government is not at all serious to take action either to prevent such cruel acts or to give help and support to the victims.

Sir, hon. Mrs. Gandhi had declared establishment of one-stop-crisis centre to help these marginalised poor women. Not a single such centre has been established in our country. There are about 650 districts in our country. So, I would like to urge upon the Government to start one-stop-crisis centre in each 650 districts of our country to help these poor women. One fast track court should also be established in every State within a reasonable period. Thank you.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Shri P.K. Biju is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shrimati P.K. Shreemathi Teacher.