

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1915
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cases/complaints received regarding domestic violence against women during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the number of cases solved so far, State-wise;
- (c) whether National Family Health Survey (1998-99) says that 20% of married women between 15 to 49 years have been exposed to some form of domestic violence at some point in their lives;
- (d) whether the trend of domestic violence has increased these days especially in Delhi and in other parts of North India;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether National Commission for women has written to Government seeking framing the guidelines to curb the menace;
- (g) if so, whether Government is contemplating to enact a law to effectively curb this menace; and
- (h) if so, the steps taken in this regard so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH):

- (a) The statistical data compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), relating to the number of cases reported, state-wise, under `Cruelty by Husband or Relatives of Husband` (Section 498-A of India Penal Code) during 2001,2002 and 2003, is attached at statement. Similar figures for the year 2004 are yet to be received by MHA from the States and Union Territories.
- (b) The number of cases charge-sheeted is also shown in the Annexure referred to above.
- (c) As per the key findings of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-2), 1998-99 at least 1 in 5 ever married women have experienced domestic violence since age 15.
- (d) and (e) As per the data referred to in reply to part (a) above, the number of cases registered in North India (Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan, Chandigarh, and Delhi) was 9164 in 2001,8679 in 2002 and 9934 in 2003.
- (f) Yes, Sir.
- (g) and (h) The Protection from Domestic Violence Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 8 March, 2002. The Bill was examined and reported upon by the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Ministry of Human Resource Development. However, the Bill lapsed on the dissolution of the 13th Lok Sabha. The Government has initiated re-examination of the provisions of the Bill on the basis of recommendations made by the Parliamentary Standing Committee and the views expressed by the women`s organizations before introducing it again in the Parliament. In this connection, inter-departmental consultations have been held. The various provisions of the Bill are now being finalized.