Missing girls from Assam

1786. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the number of missing girls from Assam;
(b) whether a study has been conducted on the pattern, like age-group, economic background, etc.;
(c) whether enquiry has been conducted on whether the missing girls from Assam have been forced into flesh trade; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) to (d) As per the information provided by the National Crime Records Bureau a total cases of 392, 493, 592 number of girls missing were reported in the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 in the state Assam.

As per the input provided by the Government of Assam, it is stated that there are various reasons for missing such as leaving homes in search of jobs, education and other economic opportunities. Few young girls elope for marriage purposes also. Although in many such cases girls end up being trafficked, sexually/physically abused. Rate of the missing children is higher in the backward rural areas. The details regarding missing/traced female children in the state of Assam are given in the statement.

Statement

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Fulfilment of promises to families of martyrs of 26/11 Mumbai attack

†1787. SHRI JAI PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.