

Safety and security of foreign nationals

2708. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of steps being taken by Government to ensure safety and protection of foreign nationals, especially women, after the recent incident that happened in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : As per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects and, as such, the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crime, lies with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Government of India is deeply concerned with the welfare of women and through various schemes and advisories to the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations, augments the efforts of the States/UTs.

The Ministry of Tourism has taken comprehensive steps for ensuring safety and security of foreign tourists :

- National Conference of State Tourism Ministers was held on 18th July, 2013 in New Delhi, which was attended by the Tourism Ministers of State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations along with various stakeholders related to the Tourism Industry. The meeting passed the unanimous Resolution that the Department of Tourism of all States and Union Territories will work for ensuring safety and security of the tourists especially of women tourists.
- A new campaign for the safety of women titled 'I respect women' has been launched.
- States/UTs were requested to set up Tourist Police. The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha have deployed Tourist Police, in one form or the other.
- 'Code of Conduct for Safe & Honourable Tourism', has been adopted by the Ministry of Tourism to promote tourism and allay fears of women foreign nationals.

Ill-treatment to people from North-Eastern States

2709. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cases that have come to notice regarding students and people from North-Eastern States who have been ill-treated in the country, especially in Delhi;