

- Advisory on Preventing and combating various crimes against Children issued on 04.01.2012.
- Advisory on Missing Children-measures needed to prevent trafficking and trace the children issued on 31.01.2012 and 29.10.2012.
- Advisory on protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2013 issued on 28.05.2013.
- Advisory based on Hon'ble Supreme Court directions regarding filing of FIR mandatorily in case of missing children was issued on 25.06.2013.

The advisories are available in Ministry of Home Affairs website, [http://www.mha.nic.in/national\\_adv](http://www.mha.nic.in/national_adv)

#### **Grant of infrastructure status to hotel industry**

2200. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is considering granting infrastructure status to hotel industry; and
- (b) if so, the details and its benefits thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) notifies the Harmonised Master List of Infrastructure Sub-sectors. The Government of India Gazette notification dated 7th October, 2013 *inter-alia* have the following entries in respect of hotel industry in the category of "Social and Commercial Infrastructure":

- (i) Three-star or higher category classified hotels located outside cities with population of more than 1 million.
  - (ii) Hotels with project cost of more than ₹ 200 crores each in any place in India and of any star rating. This is applicable with prospective effect from the date of notification (*i.e.* 7th October, 2013) and is available for eligible prospects for three years from the date of notification. Further, eligible costs exclude cost of land and lease charges, but include interest during construction.
- (b) The categories included in the Harmonised List of Infrastructure Sub-sectors guide all the agencies responsible for supporting infrastructure in various ways, which imply *inter-alia* easier access to long term funding as well as lower interest rates.