

Mobile phone apps for curbing crimes against women

1135. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has used the mobile phone Apps in order to curb the crimes against women in the metro cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of cases registered by the police so far using this technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (c) Many of the State Governments are using various mobile apps as part of the emergency response mechanism for women in distress; particularly for crimes against women. However, centralized data on these apps used by the States are not available with the Ministry of Home Affairs.

In case of Delhi, a mobile Application 'Himmat' for Android phones was launched on 01/01/2015. The application is functioning 24X7 in the Central Police Control Room to help women in distress. It is a specialized SOS Safety Application for Android smart phone users. This application helps women to raise SOS alert in case of any emergency and the same gets reported along with victim/ caller location in real time on the computer consoles placed in the Central Police Control Room. An automatic 30 second audio video recording is also triggered on pressing the SOS button. Immediately after the SOS is received the console operator calls the victim and if there is no response, the nearest PCR Van and local police is rushed to the spot. The relatives of the victim, whose details are given during the registration process are also contacted. In addition to above, HIMMAT Whatsapp group and Hike group have also been launched to enable women to contact Delhi Police while in distress.

A total of 3175 alerts have been received in HIMMAT application in Central Police Control Room (CPCR). Out of these, 1222 SOS were received out-side of Delhi and NCR while 1953 SOS were from Delhi. A breakup on the SOS received is given below:

Sl. No.	Detail of Calls	No. of Calls
1.	Total SOS received from Delhi	1953
2.	Test Calls	1863
3.	Caller could not be contacted telephonically by PCR	51
4.	Transferred to local police for necessary action	39

Similarly 17,771 SMS have been received in Whatsapp Application in CPCR as on 30.04.2015. The details are as under

Sl. No.	Detail of Calls	No. of Calls
1.	Total SMS received	17,771
2.	Total SMS reply given	17,751
3.	Caller could not be contacted telephonically by PCR	20
4.	Transferred to local police for necessary action	26

Out of the 26 cases transferred to local police only in 02 incidents, cases were registered.

Cases of missing/kidnapping of children

1136. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of missing/kidnapping of children are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof including the total number of such cases reported, children traced/untraced, gender-wise, kidnappers/touts arrested and gangs busted along with the action taken against them, separately during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the details of the corrective steps taken by Government to address the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY): (a) to (c) As per information provided by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the State/UT-wise number of missing children in the country and children traced/untraced for the year 2011-14 is given in the Statement I, II, III and IV (*See below*) respectively. The Ministry of Home Affairs has taken a number of steps to contain the menace of missing children.

- The Ministry of Home Affairs has circulated an advisory to file mandatory FIR in case of missing children dated 25th June, 2013.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs has issued a detailed advisory on the missing children and steps to be taken for tracing the children on 31st January, 2012. It includes various directions to States / UTs like computerization of records, involvement of NGOs and other organizations, community awareness programmes etc.