

(d) The practice of Child Marriage is largely due to the prevailing social customs, tradition, illiteracy, poverty, low status of women in society and lack of awareness.

(e) The Government of India has enacted the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 in order to prohibit child marriages rather than only restraining them. The States/UTs from time to time are being regularly pursued for effective implementation of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006. Ministry of Women and Child Development regularly sends out letters to District Collectors to increase alertness to prevent underage marriages during festivals such as Akshaya Tritiya/Akha Teej. The prevention of child marriage and protection of the girl child is a prominent part of the National Plan of Action for Children, 2016.

These issues cannot be tackled by legislative interventions alone. The Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) programme is working to ensure the education of girls and reduce dropouts, thus delaying their marriage. A significant part of the BBBP advocacy campaign is focussed on creating awareness and discouraging the practice of child marriage. Further, the Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK) scheme focuses on creating awareness and equipping women at the village level with information on issues of gender equality and empowerment, a critical part of which will be the prevention of child marriage. This is a continuous process and Government undertakes media campaign and outreach programmes to address this.

#### **Redressal of complaints received through SHe-box**

2548. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the SHe-box is utilised by women employed in formal and informal sector and if so, the details in this regard;

(b) what is the procedure for redressal of complaints received through SHe-box;

(c) the number of cases of complaints received through SHe-box that have been resolved, State-wise and sector-wise; and

(d) whether there is any rationale of linking sexual harassment complaints to the biometric data of the complainants through Aadhar and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR): (a) Yes Sir, the Ministry of Women and Child Development has developed an online complaint management system titled Sexual

Harassment electronic-Box (SHe-Box) for registering complaints related to sexual harassment at workplace by women, including government and private employees.

(b) Once a complaint is submitted to the SHe-box portal, it directly reaches to the concerned authority having jurisdiction to take action in the matter. The Ministry regularly emphasizes upon concerned authorities to take appropriate action in time bound manner.

(c) the details of number of sexual harassment complaints received, updated and disposed at Central Ministries/Departments, State Governments or private sector, in the SHe-box, an online portal for filing complaints since 2017, are given in Statement-I, Statement-II and Statement-III respectively.

(d) No Sir.

***Statement-I***

*Details of complaints received, updated and disposed off in  
Central Ministries/Departments*

| Sl. No | Ministry Name  | Complaints | Updated | Disposed |
|--------|--|------------|---------|----------|
| 1.     | Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare                | 9          | 6       | 5        |
| 2.     | Ministry of Civil Aviation                                 | 1          | 0       | 0        |
| 3.     | Ministry of Commerce and Industry                          | 6          | 4       | 4        |
| 4.     | Ministry of Communications                                 | 16         | 9       | 3        |
| 5.     | Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution | 2          | 0       | 0        |
| 6.     | Ministry of Culture  | 1          | 0       | 0        |
| 7.     | Ministry of Defence  | 16         | 8       | 8        |
| 8.     | Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology         | 1          | 0       | 0        |
| 9.     | Ministry of External Affairs                               | 2          | 0       | 0        |
| 10.    | Ministry of Finance  | 21         | 9       | 9        |
| 11.    | Ministry of Health and Family Welfare                      | 10         | 9       | 9        |
| 12.    | Ministry of Home Affairs                                   | 3          | 0       | 0        |
| 13.    | Ministry of Human Resource Development                     | 7          | 6       | 1        |

| Sl. No | Ministry Name   | Complaints | Updated | Disposed |
|--------|---|------------|---------|----------|
| 14.    | Ministry of Information and Broadcasting              | 1          | 0       | 0        |
| 15.    | Ministry of Labour and Employment                     | 3          | 0       | 0        |
| 16.    | Ministry of Mines                                     | 1          | 0       | 0        |
| 17.    | Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions | 1          | 0       | 0        |
| 18.    | Ministry of Power                                     | 3          | 0       | 0        |
| 19.    | Ministry of Railways                                  | 14         | 0       | 0        |
| 20.    | Ministry of Rural Development                         | 2          | 0       | 0        |
| 21.    | Ministry of Science and Technology                    | 1          | 0       | 0        |
| 22.    | Ministry of Shipping                                  | 1          | 0       | 0        |
| 23.    | Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment            | 1          | 0       | 0        |
| 24.    | Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation   | 1          | 0       | 0        |
| 25.    | Ministry of Tourism                                   | 1          | 0       | 0        |
| 26.    | Ministry of Women and Child Development               | 12         | 7       | 5        |
| 27.    | Ministry of Youth Affairs                             | 1          | 0       | 0        |
| 28.    | Department of Atomic Energy                           | 1          | 0       | 0        |
| 29.    | Prime Minister's Office                               | 2          | 1       | 1        |
| TOTAL  |   | 141        | 58      | 45       |

**Statement-II***Details of complaints received, updated and disposed off in State Governments*

| Sl. No. | State          | Complaints | Updated | Disposed off |
|---------|----------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| 1.      | Andhra Pradesh | 2          | 0       | 0            |
| 2.      | Assam          | 1          | 0       | 0            |
| 3.      | Bihar          | 13         | 7       | 6            |
| 4.      | Chhattisgarh   | 3          | 0       | 0            |
| 5.      | Delhi          | 2          | 0       | 0            |
| 6.      | Gujarat        | 4          | 1       | 1            |

| Sl. No. | State            | Complaints | Updated | Disposed off |
|---------|------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| 7.      | Himachal Pradesh | 2          | 0       | 0            |
| 8.      | Jharkhand        | 1          | 0       | 0            |
| 9.      | Karnataka        | 1          | 0       | 0            |
| 10.     | Kerala           | 4          | 0       | 0            |
| 11.     | Madhya Pradesh   | 3          | 2       | 1            |
| 12.     | Maharashtra      | 2          | 0       | 0            |
| 13.     | Odisha           | 2          | 1       | 1            |
| 14.     | Puducherry       | 1          | 0       | 0            |
| 15.     | Punjab           | 2          | 0       | 0            |
| 16.     | Rajasthan        | 3          | 0       | 0            |
| 17.     | Tamil Nadu       | 1          | 0       | 0            |
| 18.     | Telangana        | 4          | 0       | 0            |
| 19.     | Uttar Pradesh    | 12         | 2       | 2            |
| 20.     | West Bengal      | 1          | 0       | 0            |
| TOTAL   |                  | 64         | 11      | 11           |

***Statement-III****Details of complaints received, updated and disposed off in Private Sector*

| Sl. No. | State             | Total complaints | Updated | Disposed |
|---------|-------------------|------------------|---------|----------|
| 1.      | Andhra Pradesh    | 8                | 0       | 0        |
| 2.      | Arunachal Pradesh | 1                | 0       | 0        |
| 3.      | Bihar             | 4                | 1       | 1        |
| 4.      | Delhi             | 23               | 2       | 0        |
| 5.      | Gujarat           | 3                | 1       | 1        |
| 6.      | Haryana           | 16               | 15      | 9        |
| 7.      | Himachal Pradesh  | 1                | 0       | 0        |
| 8.      | Jharkhand         | 1                | 0       | 0        |
| 9.      | Karnataka         | 9                | 0       | 0        |

| Sl. No. | State          | Total complaints | Updated | Disposed |
|---------|----------------|------------------|---------|----------|
| 10.     | Kerala         | 6                | 3       | 0        |
| 11.     | Madhya Pradesh | 9                | 9       | 5        |
| 12.     | Maharashtra    | 33               | 0       | 0        |
| 13.     | Odisha         | 2                | 0       | 0        |
| 14.     | Puducherry     | 1                | 0       | 0        |
| 15.     | Punjab         | 1                | 0       | 0        |
| 16.     | Rajasthan      | 5                | 1       | 0        |
| 17.     | Tamil Nadu     | 15               | 11      | 11       |
| 18.     | Telangana      | 8                | 0       | 0        |
| 19.     | Tripura        | 1                | 0       | 0        |
| 20.     | Uttar Pradesh  | 19               | 1       | 1        |
| 21.     | Uttarakhand    | 1                | 1       | 1        |
| 22.     | West Bengal    | 2                | 0       | 0        |
| TOTAL   |                | 169              | 45      | 29       |

#### **Closing down of child care homes in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana**

2549. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 80 child care homes in Andhra Pradesh and 35 in Telangana have been closed down by the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise, and the reasons therefor, home-wise; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has closed above homes due to incidents that happened elsewhere?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) No Sir. As per information provided by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, a total of 78 Child Care Institutions (CCIs) were closed down out of which registration application of 47 CCIs were rejected