

Steps taken to help women in distress

629. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Women's helpline did not provide any useful information that could be used by a woman in distress, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the corrective steps being taken in this regard to help distressed women in times of need?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) The National Commission for Women (NCW) does not operate any helpline. However, In addition to handling complaints through regular mode, NCW helps women in distress through a dedicated WhatsApp Number 72177 35372 for reporting domestic violence cases. Since the launch of this number on 10.04.2020, 1434 cases of domestic violence have been reported on this number. Further, NCW takes cognizance of the grievances relating to domestic violence reported in social media. The complaints received by NCW are immediately acted upon by coordinating with victims, police and other authorities to provide immediate assistance. The Commission has also constituted a special task force to assist elderly people.

CSR spending by corporate sector for upgradation of Anganwadi Centres

630. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to appeal to corporate sector to spend a certain percentage share of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for the upgradation of Anganwadi Centres; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the corporate sector thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) Under the Anganwadi Services Scheme, there is a provision for upgradation of Anganwadi Centres. Some Corporates have also supported construction of Anganwadi Centres under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Under