

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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PLIGHT OF INDIAN WOMEN DESERTED/ HARASSED BY THEIR NRI SPOUSES

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) the number of complaints Government looked into of distressed Indian women who were deserted/harassed by their NRI spouses, since 2020;
- (b) whether steps been taken to make Indian women staying outside the country, aware of the facilities of counselling and guidance provided at the embassies;
- (c) If so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the facilities are provided in all countries by Government at the respective embassies; and
- (e) If not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a to e) The Ministry has received and addressed a total of 1543 complaints of Indian women who were deserted/harassed by NRI spouses from 01st January 2020 to 30th June 2023.

Government of India has adopted a multi-pronged approach to assist deserted/ harassed Indian women abroad. Our Missions and Posts abroad display information on their websites regarding NGOs/ empanelled lawyers/ organizations who can advise and counsel the aggrieved Indian women regarding the remedies they can take recourse to. Many of the Mission/Posts have also uploaded FAQs on legal & financial assistance which these women can avail of. The Indian Missions/Posts interact regularly with the members of Indian communities, Associations, NGOs in the area of their jurisdiction for dissemination of information regarding these facilities. The aggrieved Indian women also approach Missions/Post for sharing their grievances/problems which are then referred to authorities through appropriate channels.

Missions/Posts abroad maintain 24/7 helplines for assisting distressed women. Further, our Missions/Posts also hold open house sessions for counselling and advising such distressed women for the resolution of their problems.
