

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.113
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2017

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR MEDICAL CARE

113. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has planned to devise a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to provide women, especially rape survivors, urgent access to medical care and consider their request for abortion;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the SOP also encompasses facilities for rehabilitation and social integration of these women; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

- (a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.113 FOR 22.12.2017 ASKED BY SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI REGARDING STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR MEDICAL CARE

- (a) to (d) : Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has prepared ‘ Guidelines & Protocols on Medico-legal care for survivors/victims of Sexual Violence.’ These Guidelines and protocols cover various aspects, such as role of health professionals, medical examinations and reporting, psycho-social care for survivors/victims, guidelines for interface with other agencies such as police and Judiciary, etc. The Guidelines have been circulated to all States/UTs in the country. Further, as per Guidelines, if a women reports with a pregnancy resulting from an assault, she is to be given the option of undergoing an abortion, and protocols for Medically Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) are to be followed. The Products of Conception (PoC) may be sent as evidence to the Forensic Lab (FSL) for establishing paternity/identifying the accused.

One Stop Centres in all the three Central Government i.e., Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College including AIIMS, New Delhi have been functioning to facilitate the victims/survivors of sex assaults/violence.
