

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4147
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 21.03.2018

PANIC BUTTON IN MOBILE PHONES

4147. SHRI R.GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government plans to make it mandatory for the mobile phones to have panic buttons to protect the women and children in distress;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up the issue with the Ministry of Communications in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI K. J. ALPHONS)

(a) to (d): The Government has mandated that mobile phones sold in India will come with a dedicated panic button that can be used to send out a signal by a person in distress. Department of Telecommunications has issued a Gazette Notification dated 22nd April, 2016 for inclusion of panic button in all new mobile phones handsets with effect from 1st January, 2017. The implementation date was subsequently extended to 28th February, 2017.
