

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UN STARRED QUESTION NO. 4821
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2018

ONLINE REPORTING OF CYBER BULLYING OF CHILDREN

4821. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has setup a system for online reporting of cyberbullying of children through the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) e-box, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has created a plan to conduct follow-up investigation into reported cases of cyberbullying in a swift and efficient manner and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has devised a way to deal with cyber-bullies who are minors and cannot be given conventional criminal sentences and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government plans to expand the e-reporting of cyber-bullying to other vulnerable groups such as women and the differently-abled, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) : The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has set up a system for online reporting of complaints relating to POCSO Act, 2012, including cyber bullying of children through POCSO e-Box. This is available on the NCPCR's website as well as through a mobile app. POCSO e-Box is an online and direct complaints registration system, where children upto the age of 18 can file their complaints on any sexual harassment and cyber crimes against them such as cyber bullying, cyber stalking, morphing of images and child pornography.
- (b) & (c): Action is taken as per the provision of the existing laws by the authorities concerned. The children in conflict with law are dealt with as per provisions of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.
- (d) : As an anti-trolling initiative, the Ministry has introduced a separate email address for e-reporting of complaints of harassment by the women and children.
