GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 353

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05TH FEBRUARY, 2019/ MAGHA 16, 1940 (SAKA)

MISSING CHILDREN

353. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of missing children in the country during the last three years, gender-wise;
- (b) whether the number of missing children is on the rise year-by-year particularly in the National Capital Territory of Delhi;
- (c) the number of persons arrested for kidnapping and forcing children to do various illegal works; and
- (d) the number of missing children rescued during the said period, yearwise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a): As per the latest published information by National Crime Records

Bureau (NCRB), the details of missing children in the country during the

last three years, gender-wise, are as below:

| Years | Missing Children | | |
|-------|------------------|-------|-------|
| | Girls | Boys | Total |
| 2014 | 41683 | 27340 | 69023 |
| 2015 | 36595 | 23848 | 60443 |
| 2016 | 41067 | 22340 | 63407 |
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^{*}The latest data pertains to the year 2016.

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- (b): The data published by NCRB for the years 2014 to 2016 does not show any such trend.
- (c): No such specific data is maintained by the National Crime Records Bureau. However, a total of 29,152, 28,054 and 35,962 persons were arrested in the country under kidnapping & abduction of children during 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively.
- (d): A total of 65,792, 54,449 and 55,944 children were traced (including missing children from earlier years also) in the country during 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively.
