

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2963**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2023

**SEXUAL ABUSE IN SHELTER HOMES**

2963. SHRI BHOLANATH (B.P. SAROJ):

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

- a. whether any complaints of sexual abuse and harassment of women inmates in women shelter homes have been reported during the last three years;
- b. if so, the details thereof; and
- c. the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) and (b) No, Sir. Does not arise.

(c) The Government takes utmost care for the safety, security and well-being of women in shelter homes. Under the newly approved Mission Shakti, Swadhar Greh – for women in difficult circumstances and Ujjawala Home – for prevention of trafficking have been merged and renamed as Shakti Sadan which is an Integrated Relief and Rehabilitation Home for the women in distress situations and difficult circumstances. The Shakti Sadan and One Stop Centres to work in close coordination with the Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs)/Women Help Desks (WHDs) in Police Stations, network of NGOs, women groups and others for the safety of women and children.

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