

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 4225**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2019

**ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNITS AND WOMEN HELP DESKS**

4225. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has considered to set up and strengthen Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) and Women Help Desks (WHDs) across the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has allotted funds to strengthen AHTUs and WHDs, if so, the details thereof along with the State-wise allocation; and
- (c) if not, whether the Government is planning to use Nirbhaya Fund to strengthen AHTUs and WHDs, if so, the details thereof along with the details of the funding pattern?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) The Empowered Committee (EC) of officers under Nirbhaya Framework in its meeting held on 22.10.2019, appraised and recommended the proposal of setting up and strengthening of Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) in districts of States/ UTs and setting up of Women Help Desks (WHDs) in Police Stations in States and UTs. The proposal of setting up / strengthening AHTUs will focus on safety and security of women and girls. Psycho-socio counselling and legal counselling will also be made available in these AHTUs as recommended by the EC. WHDs in Police Stations will be headed by a women police officer and training orientation and sensitization of Police Officials working in relation to WHDs will be taken up. Both AHTUs and WHDs will be provided infrastructure support for procuring office furniture, vehicle, computers, digital camera for evidence collection, land-line and mobile-phone, broadband/ internet-facility, legal books, awareness generation material, legal services, counselling etc. Funding of Rs. 100 crore each for AHTUs and WHDs, has been approved under Nirbhaya Fund.

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