

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UN-STARRED QUESTION NO.2953**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2020

**HELP CENTRES FOR WOMEN**

2953. SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the prevalent practice of buying brides from other States in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether the Government has established any help centre in this regard to help such women; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): to (c): As per section 370 of Indian Penal Code (IPC) which deals with trafficking of persons, whoever buys, sells or disposes of any person or accepts, receives or detains against his will is liable for imprisonment and fine. Further, the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) compiles and publishes information on crimes including Human Trafficking in its publication "Crime in India". The published reports are available till the year 2019. The data is available on the website of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), <https://ncrb.gov.in>.

The Government of India implements the One Stop Centre (OSC) Scheme to provide a range of services such as police facilitation, legal counselling, psycho-social counselling, medical aid and temporary shelter in an integrated manner, under one roof, for violence affected women and women in distress including the trafficked women. As on date, out of 733 OSCs approved for 730 districts of the country, 700 are operational. In addition, the Ministry of Women and Child Development implements the schemes of Swadhar Greh and Ujjawala for assisting women in distress including trafficked women through a range of services. The Government also implements the Scheme of 181-Women Helpline for providing emergency and non-emergency referral and information service to women through a toll-free 24-hours telecom service. Women Helplines are operational in 33 States/UTs.

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