

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3143**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22ND MARCH, 2022/ CHAITRA 1, 1944 (SAKA)

CYBER HARRASSMENT OF WOMEN

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the increasing instances of cyber harassment and impersonation of women on social media;

(b) if so, the details and the number of cases and action undertaken on culprits during 2019-21;

(c) whether the Ministry has developed a portal/ helpline where women can register their complaints against cyber harassment and impersonation;

(d) if so, the details of the cases reported between 2019-2021 along with the steps that have been undertaken to popularize the portal; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISHRA)**

(a) to (e): With the enhanced use of cyber space, the number of cyber crimes is also increasing, including those against women. The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) compiles and publishes statistical data on crimes in its publication "Crime in India". The latest published report is for the year 2020. As per the data published by the NCRB, details of cases registered under the head cyber crimes against women (involving

communication devices as medium/target) for the years 2019 and 2020 are at the Annexure.

‘Police’ and ‘Public Order’ are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The States/UTs are primarily responsible for the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of crimes through their law enforcement agencies. The law enforcement agencies take legal action as per the provisions of law against persons involved in misuse of social media for impersonation of women and cyber harassment.

The Government has launched the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (www.cybercrime.gov.in) on 30.08.2019 to enable public to report all types of cyber crimes, with special focus on cyber crimes against women and children. Cyber crime incidents reported on this portal are routed automatically to the respective State/UT law enforcement agency for further handling as per the provisions of law. A Toll-free Helpline number ‘1930’ has been operationalized to get assistance in lodging online cyber complaints. As per the data maintained, since its inception, 904061 cyber crime incidents have been registered upto 28.02.2022 on the portal. However, specific data regarding cases of “cyber harassment and impersonation of women on social media” is not maintained separately on the portal.

To spread awareness about the Portal and Toll-free Helpline number, the Government has taken several steps that inter-alia includes dissemination of messages through SMS, I4C social media account, i.e., Twitter handle (@Cyberdost), Facebook (CyberDostI4C), Instagram (cyberdosti4c), Telegram (cyberdosti4c), Radio campaign, engaged MyGov for publicity through multiple media, organizing Cyber Safety and Security Awareness Weeks in association with States/UTs, etc. The States/UTs have also been requested to carry out publicity of the Toll-free Helpline number and the Portal to create mass awareness.

ANNEXURE
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Crime head-wise Cases Registered(CR), Cases Chargesheeted(CCS), Cases Convicted(CON), Persons Arrested(PAR), Persons Chargesheeted(PCS) and Persons Convicted(PCV) under Cyber Crimes against Women During 2019-2020

Sl. no	Crime head	2019						2020					
		CR	CCS	CON	PAR	PCS	PCV	CR	CCS	CON	PAR	PCS	PCV
1	Cyber Blackmailing/ Threatening	108	57	3	85	69	3	74	30	0	51	40	0
2	Cyber Pornography/ Hosting/ Publishing Obscene Sexual Materials	1174	571	3	639	690	3	1655	690	10	1026	965	12
3	Cyber Stalking/ Cyber Bullying of Women	785	456	18	661	592	21	887	477	21	668	567	32
4	Defamation/ Morphing	65	30	0	37	39	0	251	39	0	50	44	0
5	Fake Profile	288	58	1	227	66	1	354	47	1	264	55	1
6	Other Crimes against Women	5995	1316	26	2024	1678	42	7184	2037	42	2083	2447	49
	Total Cyber Crimes against Women	8415	2488	51	3673	3134	70	10405	3320	74	4142	4118	94

Source: Crime in India
