

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 687**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.02.2016

**HELP TO WOMEN IN DISTRESS**

**687. SHRI Y.V.SUBBA REDDY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is in discussions with mobile operators to provide an emergency button on phones to help women in distress;
- (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) the manner, in which the existing mobile users can upgrade themselves to get emergency button on their phones; and
- (d) the time by which such facility is likely to be available to the women?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) to (d) Department of Telecommunications has conducted meetings with all the stakeholders i.e. all mobile handset manufacturers, all telecom service providers, Indian Cellular Association, representatives from Ministry of Women & Child Development and Department of Electronics & Information Technology to find out the solution for implementing Panic button in mobile phone handsets. The Indian Cellular Association is coordinating with all the mobile handset manufacturer across the globe to find a feasible solution.

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