

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.56
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2018

RAPE AND ACID ATTACK VICTIMS

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SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:

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

- (a) whether the incidents/cases of rape and acid attack in the country have increased in recent years and if so, the details thereof indicating the survey, if any, conducted in this regard;
- (b) whether the Government has put in place any mechanism to provide relief and rehabilitation of the victims of rape/acid attack and created a special fund to provide legal assistance to such victims and if so, the details thereof indicating the number of women rehabilitated therefrom, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up rehabilitation centres for such victims in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which such centres are likely to be set up, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has held discussions with the States in the matter and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide adequate and timely relief/rehabilitation of such victims?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.56 FOR 20.07.2018 ASKED BY DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT AND SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK REGARDING RAPE AND ACID ATTACK VICTIMS

- (a) : As per the data of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total number of 34,651 cases in 2015 and 38,947 cases in 2016 were reported under rape (Section 376 of the IPC). A total number of 140 and 160 cases have been registered under Acid Attacks (section 326A of IPC) during 2015 and 2016 respectively. Further total numbers of 30 and 46 cases have been registered under Attempt to Acid Attack Women with acid assault on Women (Section 326B of IPC) during 2015 and 2016 respectively. There is an increasing trend in reporting of cases.
- (b) & (d) : As per Section 357A of Cr. PC, every State Government in Coordination with the Central Government shall prepare a victim compensation scheme for providing funds for the purpose of compensation to the victim or his dependents who have suffered loss or injury as a result of the crime and who require rehabilitation. All the State/Union Territories have notified victim compensation scheme in their respective State/UT. Under the Central Victim Compensation Fund (CVCF) scheme, financial assistance of Rs.200.00 Crores as one time grant has been released to all the States/UTs in 2016-17 to support their respective State Victim Compensation Scheme. A minimum compensation of Rs.3.00 lakh has been prescribed for the victim of acid attack under this scheme. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has also issued necessary instructions to all the States/UTs for providing free treatment to the acid attack victim including medicines, food, bedding and reconstructive surgeries. Further, under Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) Rs.1.00 lakh in addition to the compensation under State Victim Compensation Scheme is also being provided by Prime Minister Office to the acid attack victim since 08.10.2016.
- (e) : As per orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court, Ministry of Women and Child Development has circulated the revised scheme for payment of compensation to the victims to all States and UTs for implementation. Ministry of Home Affairs has also advised all States and UTs to comply with the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court in this regard.

Apart from the above, the schemes of One Stop Centre and Women Helpline for women affected by violence including rape and acid attack funded from Nirbhaya Fund to facilitate access to justice are being implemented since 1st April, 2015. Further, the Ministry of Women and Child Development is also administering Swadhar Greh Scheme for relief and rehabilitation of women in difficult circumstances, including the victims of rape.
