

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 231**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05TH FEBRUARY, 2019/ MAGHA 16, 1940 (SAKA)

TRAFFICKING IN TRIBAL WOMEN

231. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the reports appearing in the press that tribal girls from certain Northern States are being regularly kidnapped and are being forced into slavery to serve as surrogate mothers in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether any mafia-like gang is involved in this kind of trafficking;

(c) whether any criminal case has been registered under relevant penal provisions of IPC and culprits arrested;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken to ensure that no kidnapping of tribal women at all takes place?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)**

(a) & (b): Delhi Police has reported that no case has been registered by Delhi Police and no such gang has been found involved in which tribal girls from northern States were kidnapped and forced into slavery to serve as surrogate mothers in Delhi during the years 2016, 2017, and 2018.

(c) & (d): Does not arise.

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(e): 'Police' is a 'State' subject under Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and as such registration, investigation and prevention of crime of human trafficking and kidnapping of girls etc. are the responsibility of State Governments. However, the Ministry of Home Affairs has issued various advisories to the States and UTs from time to time on preventing and combating human trafficking and crime against women. These advisories are available at MHA's website: www.mha.gov.in.
