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Title: Regarding continuous rise in Number of crime cases against women and the wage-gap between men and women in the country.

**SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL (JAYNAGAR):** Thank you, hon. Speaker, Sir, for allowing me to speak during the '*Zero Hour*'.

According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), crimes against women are on the rise in the country. As per its latest Report, Crime in India 2019, the reported cases of crime against women increased from 3,45,989 in 2017 to 3,91,601 in 2019. Women are suffering in India in every field ranging from education, labour-force, media representation and the list is endless.

The wage-gap between Indian men and women is amongst the worst in the world. The Monster Salary Index says that Indian men earn 25 per cent more than women for the same kind of work done by both men and women. Innumerable reforms are necessary to bring about a change in women's position. Thus, it is necessary for the Parliament to dedicate a day just for discussion on women issues in every Session. This, I say, being inspired and in support of the petition initiated by women empowerment activists through social media platforms.

I hope that you, the custodian of this House, and all the hon. Members will support this innovative plan. Thank you, Sir.