

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:426

ANSWERED ON:26.04.2005

TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to create awareness against the Trafficking of women and children;
- (b) whether an Action Research Programme on Trafficking of women and children is undertaken by the Government;
- (c) if so, whether under the Programme the Government has research partners to collect information from the affected districts in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether final report of the Action research has been completed; and
- (f) if so, the details of the suggestions given therein to check the Trafficking of women and children?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a),(b),(c),(d),(e) &(f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 426 FOR 26.4.2005 REGARDING TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN BY SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY & SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL

(a): The steps taken to create awareness include telecasting of spots on television, radio programmes, regional conferences, consultations with non governmental organisations and other stakeholders and capacity building of NGOs.

(b): An Action Research on trafficking in Women and Children in India has been undertaken by National Human Rights Commission, UNIFEM and Institute of Social Sciences (an voluntary organisation). The Department of Women and Child Development has extended its cooperation and support to the research.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. There were ten research partners for research study. The details are as under:

1. Integrated Rural Development Services, Secunderabad
2. Sakhi, Patna
3. Arz, Goa
4. Institute of Social Sciences, Bangalore
5. Women's Institute for Social Education, Mumbai
6. Impulse NGO Network, Shillong
7. Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur
8. Institute of Social Sciences, Chennai
9. SEVA, Gorakhpur
10. Institute of Social Sciences, Kolkata

(e) & (f): Yes, Sir. The main recommendations of study are as under:

(i) The main causes of vulnerability to trafficking are economic and gender disparity that limits women's access to developmental processes. Apart from creating political will and making it a public issue it is essential to set up a National Nodal Agency to coordinate various activities.

(ii) The community and the family should be sensitised to issues of gender, women's rights and child rights.

(iii) There is need for minimum standards of care and attention in rescue and post rescue activities conforming to human rights.

(iv) There is need to ensure that all crimes are reported and registered so that legal action is taken. Section 8 of ITPA should be used with a lot of care to make sure that victims are not revictimised. The concerned officials should be given specialised training so that they can bring issues of gender and child rights into perspective while implementing law or delivering justice.