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Title : Need to spread awareness in the society to check violence against women.

DR. RATNA DE (HOOGHLY): Violence against women is a global phenomena. It knows no bound with regards to age, ethnicity and social status. The victims of domestic violence suffer physically, mentally and psychologically. The rising incidence of domestic violence is a cause for great concern. In our country the total number of crimes reportedly committed against women were 1,55,553 in 2005. It has increased to 1,85,312 Nos. in the year 2007. The crimes committed against women are (1) rape (2) Kidnapping and abducting (3) Dowry death (4) Torture (5) Molestation (6) Sexual harassment, (7) Throwing of acid and (8) International trafficking. It must be noted that the best legislation, without the resultant change in the attitude to the issue of domestic violence, will fail to produce the desired result. Awareness of the male dominated society and change of attitude as a whole, can only solve the problem. Therefore, adequate steps should be taken to create awareness in the society to tackle the situation.