

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1019

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2015/PHALGUNA 13, 1936 (SAKA)

SEPARATE HOUSING POOL FOR WOMEN IN POLICE FORCE

1019. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to State;

(a) whether it is a fact that the lack of residential accommodation, which is seen as one of the major impediments faced by women, in joining the police-force;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to set up a separate housing pool for women in police force; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c) 'Police' is a State subject as per Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. Thus, the primary responsibility for managing the subject lies with the State Governments. However, Ministry of Home Affairs provides funds to State government under Modernisation of Police Force (MPF) Scheme. The main objectives of the scheme is to reduce the dependence of the State Government on Army and Central Police Forces. The focus of the scheme is to strengthen the police infrastructure. The major items covered under the scheme are police building, police housing, mobility, weapons, equipment, training infrastructure, computerization and forensic science. As a welfare measure there is a component of Police Housing i.e. Housing for lower subordinates (Constables & Head Constables) and upper subordinates (ASI, SI and Inspectors). The State Governments prepare their Annual Action Plan as per their priorities. Instructions have also been issued to State governments on 09-09-2014 to strengthen provision of housing facilities for women to attract talented manpower in Police Organisation.

Similarly, Central Armed Police Forces also have separate Family Welfare Centre (FWCs) for women, women Hostels/Barracks/accommodations.

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