## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2609

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 09<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2019/ ASHADHA 18, 1941 (SAKA) HONOUR KILLINGS

2609. SHRI THOL THIRUMAAVALAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to bring a Bill to curb honour killings;
- (b) if so, the details of action taken on the draft Bill to curb honour killings submitted by the Law Commission of India; and
- (c) the details of honour killings reported in the country during 2018?

## **ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a) & (b) Cases of "murder" and "culpable homicide not amounting to murder" with motive of honour killing are covered under sections 302 and 304 of the Indian Penal Code respectively. Further, in pursuance of Supreme Court's judgement dated 27-03-2018, in W.P. (C) No.231 of 2010, Ministry of Home Affairs has issued a comprehensive advisory on 31st May, 2018 to all State Governments and UT Administrations to take / implement preventive, remedial and punitive measures to address the issues relating to 'honour crimes'. Preventive steps inter-alia include identification of districts, sub-districts and villages having reported instances of honour killing etc. in the last five years, sensitization of police officers to be vigilant in this regard, timely and prior reporting of such gatherings to senior officers etc. Remedial measures interalia include immediate registration of FIRs, effective investigation of the crime

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and provision of security to the couple / family. Punitive measures inter-alia include initiation of departmental / disciplinary action against erring police officials, creation of special cells in every district alongwith a 24 hour helpline and trial of the cases before the designated Court/ Fast Track Court earmarked for the purpose.

(c) National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) compiles and publishes information on crimes in its publication "Crime in India". The published reports are available only till the year 2016.

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