## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

### RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3551

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24th JULY, 2019/ SHRAVANA 02, 1941 (SAKA)

**DETENTION CENTRES IN THE COUNTRY** 

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated new manual for 'Detention Centres' across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has included various aspects in the new manual with special focus on women detenus;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e) With a view to formalise the setting up of detention / holding centres in various States/ U.T.s for restricting the movement of illegal immigrants/ foreign nationals awaiting deportation, the Government has prepared a Model Detention Centre Manual and circulated to all State Governments/ U.T. Administrations on 09.01.2019.

The Manual covers amenities to be provided in the detention centres/ holding centres for the inmates to maintain standards of living in consonance with basic human needs. This includes amenities like electricity with generator, drinking water (including water coolers), facilities for hygiene, accommodation with beds, sufficient toilets/ baths with provision of running water, communication facilities, provision for kitchen, proper drainage and sewage facilities etc. The Manual also

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provides for provision of properly segregated accommodation for male and female detainees, deployment of adequate lady security staff commensurate with the requirement of women detainees, special attention to the women/ nursing mother etc. It has also been provided that members of the same family should not be separated and all family members may be housed in the same detention centre.

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