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24th August 2016

Dear Maneka Ji,

I wrote to you about a response by your Ministry to my Unstarred question No 540, on "Review of POCSO Act", dated July 21st 2016. A copy of the response is attached with this letter.

I am surprised by this response considering that in December 1st last year, I along with a group submitted a petition signed by over 1.8 lakh citizens on this issue. This petition was widely publicized in the media. Our submitting the petition to you was also widely publicized. Photographs of this are attached with this letter for your ready reference.

You would agree that the response is not just surprising but also clearly untrue. I do not wish to make this an issue, but rather would draw your attention again to the request made in that petition, and by me several times to you personally, to take more urgent and proactive steps towards the protection of our children.



This could be started with an exhaustive review of the POCSO Act, with a view to make it more effective and a strong deterrent to criminals that prey on the children of our country.

Yours sincerely,

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Smt. Maneka Gandhi
Hon'ble Minister of Women and Child Development
Government of India
New Delhi

Attachments:

1. Copy of Unstarred Question no. 540, "Review of POCSO Act" dated July 21st 2016
2. Copy of Photograph – submission of change.org petition to Ms Maneka Gandhi, Hon'ble Minister for Women and Child Development.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 540
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2016

REVIEW OF POCSO ACT

540. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the steps taken by the Ministry since December last year, after it received a petition from over 1.8 lakh citizens, requesting a review of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO), Act, 2013?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

No such petition has been received in the Ministry. Hence, no review of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO), Act, 2012 has been done.

