

**Question for written answer E-012200/2015  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)  
Rule 130  
Barbara Matera (PPE)**

Subject: VP/HR - violence against minors in India

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child recognises that all children have the right to be protected against all forms of abuse, exploitation and violence.

In 2014, in the city of Delhi alone, 1 700 cases of rape were reported. This dramatic figure includes innumerable cases of abuse of minors.

On 16 July, Ravinder Kumar confessed to having raped and killed at least 15 boys and girls, whose bodies were buried or thrown into the drains of New Delhi.

1. Does the High Representative have a strategy capable of curbing this phenomenon and affording protection and suitable monitoring so as to prevent abuses from occurring against minors, including within the home?
2. Is the High Representative aware that, according to some estimates, one rape occurs every 22 minutes in India, and that the figure is constantly rising?