



## CHILDLINE India Foundation

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### Why in News

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According to the data compiled by the CHILDLINE India Foundation (CIF), 35% of the total cases of sexual abuse were committed by neighbours.

#### **CHILDLINE India Foundation**

- CIF is the largest network of agencies involved in protection of children.
- CIF is the **nodal agency** appointed by the **Ministry of Women and Child Development** to manage CHILDLINE helpline 1098 - a free, emergency phone service for **children in need aid and assistance**.
- It is also the **sole agency/body** responsible for **establishing the CHILDLINE service across the country, monitoring** of service delivery and finance, training, research and documentation, creating awareness, advocacy as well as resource generation for the service.

### Key Points

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- **Number of Phone Calls:** The largest number of phone calls were made to seek **intervention for abuse cases** (17%), followed by those pertaining to **child labour (13%), education (12%),** runaways (11%) and **missing children (11%)**.
- **Nature of Abuse:** The nature of abuse children suffered shows that 37% of the complaints were about child marriage, 27% about physical abuse and 13% regarding sexual abuse. The remaining 23% constituted emotional, corporal, domestic and cyber abuse.
- **Profile of Abusers:** The analyses show that 35% of the total 8,000 cases of sexual abuse were committed by neighbours, 25% by strangers and 11% by family members. The remaining 29% of perpetrators were friends, relatives, teachers, institutional staff, hospital staff, police and step parents.

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