



Security Officers Appointed to Help Women

Why in News?

The Bihar government has decided to appoint 140 full-time 'protection officers' in the state to provide more effective assistance to women affected by [domestic violence](#).

Key Points

- **About the issue:**
 - The Social Welfare Department has **decided to create a separate cadre** under which security officers will be appointed at the sub-division, district and state levels.
- **Objective:**
 - To effectively **deal with the rising cases of domestic violence**.
 - To provide protection to women from domestic violence and **ensure protection of the rights granted to them by [the Constitution](#)**.
- **Level of placement:**
 - Security officers will be appointed at the sub-division, district, and state levels.
 - **A total of 140 security officers will be appointed :**
 - 101 at sub-division level
 - 38 at district level
 - 1 State Level Security Officer.
- **Responsibilities of the Security Officer:**
 - To protect the rights of women under [the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005](#).
 - To assist the Magistrate in his duties.
 - To get the physical injuries of the victim, the woman medically examined and send the report to the concerned police station and magistrate.
 - Ensuring compliance of economic relief orders under **Section 20 of the Domestic Violence Act, 2005**.

Domestic Violence Act, 2005

- **Introduction:**
 - This is an **important law to prevent domestic violence against women and provide them legal protection**.
- **Objective:**
 - The purpose of this Act is to **protect women from violence** in their homes or any other private place and to provide them protection of their rights.
 - **Different types of domestic violence:**
 - **Physical violence:**
 - This includes physically hurting the woman.
 - Example: Slapping, pushing, hitting, etc.
 - **Sexual violence:**
 - This includes misdeeds like **sexual harassment or rape** of a woman.
 - Example: Forced intercourse, other sexual offences.
 - **Emotional abuse:**

- This includes harming the woman's mental state and self-esteem.
- Example: Insulting, betraying, intimidating, or making the woman feel mentally weak.
- **Social and economic control:**
 - This includes isolating the woman from her family and friends, socially isolating her, or confining her against her will.

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