

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 156**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2022

**SETTING UP OF 'POORNA SHAKTI KENDRA' IN THE COUNTRY**

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Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether whether Government proposes to set up 'Poorna Shakti Kendra' in the country for the empowerment of women;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with its salient features;
- (c) the number of such kendras presently operational in the country, district-wise;
- (d) whether Government proposes to set up more such kendras with the help of Panchayats in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
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(a) to (e) : Poorna Shakti Kendras were approved in pilot mode in selected districts under erstwhile National Mission for Empowerment of Women (NMEW) scheme. Later, in November, 2017, a new scheme, Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK) was launched, under which the earlier components of NMEW, namely Poorna Shakti Kendra (which was operational in 19 districts) and Village Convergence and Facilitation Service (which was operational in 53 districts) were replaced by District Level Centres for Women (DLCWs).

Benefiting from the learning of earlier schemes and consultations with stakeholder and States/ UTs, the Government of India has launched 'Mission Shakti' –an integrated women empowerment programme as umbrella scheme for safety, security and empowerment of women for greater efficiency, effectiveness and financial prudence. The Umbrella Scheme of Mission Shakti has two sub-schemes namely "Sambal" and "Samarthya".

'Samarthya' sub- scheme has a new component i.e. Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW) at National, State and District levels for Empowerment of Women. HEW aims to facilitate inter-sectoral convergence of schemes and programs meant for women at the central (NHEW), State/ UT (SHEW) and district (DHEW) levels with the mandate to create an environment in which women realize their full potential. The support under the HEW provides for guiding, linking and hand holding women to various institutional and schematic set ups for their empowerment and development including access to healthcare, quality education, career and vocational counseling/ training, financial inclusion, entrepreneurship, backward and forward linkages, health and safety for workers, social security and digital literacy at districts/ Blocks/ Gram Panchayats level across the country. The MSK Scheme implemented by the Ministry earlier has been discontinued with effect from 01.04.2022.

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