

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1663**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2022/ AGRAHAYANA 30, 1944  
(SAKA)**

**STRENGTHENING WHDS IN POLICE STATIONS**

**1663      SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:  
             SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the funds allocated from the Nirbhaya fund towards setting up/ strengthening Women Help Desks (WHDs) in police stations in all States and UTs (covering 10,000 Police Stations) have been disbursed to States;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**

**(c) what was the criteria used to project budgetary allocation for States; and**

**(d) the number of WHDs successfully set up under this initiative till date and details and timeframe of proposed completion of the pending WHDs?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISHRA)**

**(a) to (c): A total of Rs. 157.49 crore have been released to the States / Union Territories under the Nirbhaya Fund scheme for setting up of Women Help Desks (WHDs) in Police Stations. The funds so sanctioned also cover any new police stations set up in the State / Union Territories. The funds have been released in terms of guidelines for the project.**

**(d) As per information available with the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D), Women Help Desks have been set up in 13,101 police stations in the country. Setting up of Women Help Desks (WHDs) is bases on need assessment at the ground, and is an ongoing exercise.**

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