

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1759**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022

**AUDIT OF ONE-STOP-CENTRES**

1759. MS. SUSHMITA DEV:

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any audit of the One-Stop-Centres (OSCs) running in the country;
- (b) whether Government is aware of any social audit of the same having been conducted by any NGOs/Self Help Groups (SHGs); and
- (c) if so, what actions Government is intending to take based on the results of the audit?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): A third party evaluation of the schemes of the Ministry, including One Stop Centre (OSC) Scheme, was conducted during the Financial Year 2020-21 through NITI Aayog. The study found the relevance, effectiveness and sustainability of the scheme as satisfactory, and recommended *inter alia* for more efficient management, training of staff and action plan to spread awareness about the OSCs. Based on the recommendations of the Third Party Evaluation, the OSC scheme has been included as a component of sub-scheme 'Sambal' under Mission Shakti for implementation during period of 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission Cycle upto 2025-26. The Mission Shakti aims at strengthening interventions for safety, security and empowerment of women in a mission mode through institutional and convergence mechanism. The OSC has been designated a mainstay at district level for all activities related to safety and security of women and girls. Further, based on encouraging results of the initiative and benefits to women, the Government has decided to strengthen the network of OSCs in a phased manner, in districts having higher rate of crime against women or having bigger geographical area, preferably in aspirational districts.

The Government has also engaged the services of National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) for providing basic and advanced training under the project named 'Stree Manoraksha' to the staff of One Stop Centres (OSCs)

across the country on handling psycho-social and mental health care needs of women facing violence and in distress.

The Government, from time to time, also undertakes awareness and outreach campaigns on various initiatives, including OSCs, related to safety and security of women and girls.

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