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MISSION SHAKTI

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

- (a) whether 'Mission Shakti, an integrated women empowerment programme, is working as an umbrella scheme for the safety, security and empowerment of women;
- (b) whether one of the major objective of 'Mission Shakti' is to reduce the care burden on women and increase female labour force; and
- (c) if so, whether during the last five years, positive results have been recorded in terms of reducing the care burden on women and increasing female labour force?

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes sir.

(b) & (c): 'Mission Shakti' is a scheme in mission mode aimed at strengthening interventions for women safety, security and empowerment. It seeks to realise the Government's commitment for 'women-led development' by addressing issues affecting women on a life-cycle continuum basis and making them equal partners in nation-building through convergence and citizen-ownership. It focuses on strategies for improving convergence across Ministries/ Departments and at different levels of governance. 'Mission Shakti' comprises of two sub-schemes 'Sambal' and 'Samarthya' for safety and security of women and empowerment of women respectively. The existing schemes of One Stop Centres (OSC), Women Helplines (181-WHL) and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) have been made part of Sambal sub- scheme; while the existing schemes of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), Ujjwala, Swadhar Greh and Working Women Hostel and National Creche Scheme have been included in 'Samarthya'. A new component of Hub for Empowerment of Women has been included in 'Samarthya' sub-scheme, under which the Central Government provides financial assistance to States/ UTs for setting up of Hub at State and District levels.

One of the major objectives of 'Mission Shakti' is to promote women's economic empowerment. It is with this view, the schemes of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) and National Creche Scheme, which are primarily for assisting working women and which were part of umbrella ICDS in the previous finance commission cycle, have been brought under the ambit of 'Mission Shakti' with appropriate modifications. The earlier scheme of Working Women Hostel, which is now 'Sakhi Niwas', a component of 'Mission Shakti', has been suitably modified to respond to the needs of working women. Besides, several initiatives taken by the Government for reducing care burden on women such as free LPG connections in the name of women under 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana', har ghar nal se jal under 'Jal Jeevan Mission', assistance for construction of Individual House Hold Toilets (IHHL), amendment to 'the Maternity Benefit Act' etc. alongwith various initiatives for education, skill development, safety and security of women have resulted in increased presence of women in work force.
