

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 798**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023

**SURVEY OF DESTITUTE WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

798. DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any survey in the last five years has been conducted to determine the number of destitute women and children in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of such women and children who got benefited living in the country along with the number of women and children rehabilitated across the country during the said period; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) to (c): National Family Health Survey (NFHS) is conducted at regular intervals on the health and family welfare status of women and children. It includes a section on women's empowerment also. Besides, National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) publishes data related to crime against women and children. There is no separate survey regarding number of destitute women and children. The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing schemes for rehabilitation of destitute women and children. The details of the schemes are as under:

**Shakti Sadan:** Under the newly approved Mission Shakti, Swadhar Greh for women in difficult circumstances and Ujjawala Homes for Prevention of Trafficking have been merged and renamed as Shakti Sadan which is an Integrated Relief and Rehabilitation Home. This is aimed at creating a safe and enabling environment for the women in distress situations and difficult circumstances. So far 10,955 number of women benefitted under the Scheme.

**Mission Vatsalya:** Mission Vatsalya Scheme under which support is provided to States and UT Governments for delivering services for children in need and in difficult circumstances. The Child Care Institutions (CCIs) established under the scheme support inter-alia age-appropriate education, access to vocational training, recreation, health care, counselling etc. and covers both rural and urban children. The scheme supports 24x7 outreach helpline services for children in distress. This service is available through a dedicated toll free number, 1098 which can be accessed by children in crisis or by adults on their behalf from any place in the geographical location of India. The number of children benefitted under the scheme, as on 31.03.2022 is 76,118.

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