

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *146
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2023

MISSION SHAKTI SCHEME

146. SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

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

- (a) the objective of Mission Shakti Scheme launched by Government;
- (b) the major activities carried out under this scheme in the last three years;
- (c) whether Nirbhaya Fund has been launched under the Mission Shakti scheme;
- (d) the number of activities carried out for women's safety out of Nirbhaya Fund in the last three years; and
- (e) the details of work done in Gujarat for women's safety under Nirbhaya Fund?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. *146 for 02.08.2023 by Shri Narhari Amin regarding 'Mission Shakti Scheme'

(a) : 'Mission Shakti' is a scheme in mission mode to strengthen 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.

(b) : The major activities carried out under the different components of 'Mission Shakti' during the previous years include operationalization of 733 One Stop Centres (OSCs) in 36 States/UTs which have assisted over 7.06 lakh women till 31.03.2023, operational of Women Helpline (WHL)-181 in 34 States/ UTs that have handled over 1.26 crore calls and have assisted over 64.07 lakh women till 31.03.2023. Under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana(PMMVY), over 3.30 crore pregnant women and lactating mothers have been provided cash benefits through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode etc. In addition, the Government has released funds to 30 States/ UTs who have complied with the financial norms for establishment of Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW) at State/ UT and District levels. The Ministry has also approved 68 additional OSCs for setting up in new districts or as additional OSC in bigger districts that fulfill the criteria for additional OSC as per scheme guidelines. Besides, the Ministry has awarded work order and released funds to Centre for Development of Advance Computing (C-DAC) for integration of WHL -181, Childline-1098 with Emergency Response Support System (ERSS)-112, for providing seamless emergency and non-emergency support and information service to women and girls across the country in line with the vision of Government to have 'One Nation One Helpline'. These are some of the major steps taken under Mission Shakti, besides approval of new projects under various components of Mission Shakti, regular release of funds and monitoring of implementation of the scheme.

(c) : Nirbhaya Fund is not a part of 'Mission Shakti Umbrella Scheme'. However, the two components of 'Mission Shakti' i.e. One Stop Centre (OSC) and Women Helpline (WHL) are funded from the corpus of Nirbhaya Fund.

(d) & (e) : Under Nirbhaya Fund, a total of 42 projects/ schemes including OSC & WHL have been appraised for safety and security of women across the country including the State of Gujarat since its inception. The major schemes/ projects implemented by the Government under Nirbhaya Fund include One Stop Centres (733 OSCs are functional); Universalisation of Women Helplines (functional in 34 States/ UTs), Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) which is a pan-India single number (112)/ mobile app based system for emergencies (functional in all States/ UTs) ; a cyber-crime reporting portal to report obscene content; safe city projects in 8 cities (Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Lucknow and Mumbai) including infrastructure, technology adoption and capacity building in community through awareness programmes, establishment of state of the art DNA Laboratory at CFSL, Chandigarh; assistance to 30 States/ UTs to strengthen Forensic Science Laboratories; setting up of 1023 Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs) for speedy disposal of cases of rape and cases under POCSO Act (758 FTSCs have been made functional having disposed of more than 1.50 lakh cases); setting up/ strengthening of Anti Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) in all districts of the country (788 AHTUs are functional including 30 in Border Guarding Forces such as Border Security Force and Sashastra Seema Bal) ; setting up/ strengthening of Women Help Desks (WHDs) at Police Stations (13557 WHDs are functional across the country) etc. Recognizing the need for psycho-social counselling to women affected by violence and in distress, the Ministry of Women and Child Development through National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) has provided 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 distress.
