

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1277
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023

UNDERUTILIZATION OF FUNDS

1277. SMT. SULATA DEO:

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

- (a) the demand and actual expenditure by the Ministry during the last five years;
- (b) whether Government is aware that there has been an underutilization of funds during the last five years; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor, if not, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c). For better implementation and efficient monitoring, all schemes of the Ministry have been clubbed into three verticals, viz. (1) Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 for improving nutrition indicators in the country (2) Mission Shakti, for safety, protection and empowerment of women; and (3) Mission Vatsalya, for protection and welfare of children.

The details of demand and actual expenditure under the schemes of the Ministry during the last five years are **annexed**.

All the schemes implemented by the Ministry are Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and are implemented by the States/Union Territories (UTs). The budget allocation for these schemes is finalised based on inputs received from the States/UTs regarding their requirements and the trend of expenditure over the previous years. Further, under CSS, States/UTs are required to contribute their corresponding share of funds, incur a minimum of 75% expenditure of total available funds and submit the Statement of Expenditure (SoE)/ Utilization Certificates to enable the Ministry to release the central share of funds. Wherever the above conditions are not met, release of the central share gets affected/delayed resulting in unspent balance at the end of the financial year.

Nevertheless, smooth functioning and proper implementation of the schemes, including utilization of funds, is reviewed periodically through meetings/video conferences with States/UTs and field visits. The Central Government has been persistent in its efforts to ensure optimum utilisation of funds towards the cause.

Annexure

(Rs. in crores)

Financial Year	Revised Estimate	Actual Expenditure
2018-19	24758.62	22531.30
2019-20	26184.50	22679.91
2020-21	21008.31	18744.13
2021-22	23200.00	21283.56
2022-23	23912.69	23512.07