

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 470
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

470. SHRI SHAKTISINH GOHIL:

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

- (a) the total disbursement of funds under the Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK) Scheme during the last five years;
- (b) the total disbursement of funds to the State of Gujarat during the last five years; and
- (c) whether RMK is proposed to being closed by the Government, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) the Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK) has informed that the total disbursement of funds under the Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK) Scheme during the last five years stands at Rs.11.32 crore.
- (b) No fund was disbursed to the Intermediary Organizations (IMOs)/NGOs of the State of Gujarat during the last five years.
- (c) Yes, Sir. At the time RMK was set up, it was a prominent Government body working in the area of extending concessional micro-finance loans to poor women through Intermediary Organisations (IMOs). Over a period of time, substantial alternative credit facility mechanisms have become available to women entrepreneurs through various Government initiatives like Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojna and Stand up India. The activities being performed by RMK are being performed by Banks, who are directly lending to around 90 Lakh Self Help Groups (SHGs) involving more than 9.9 crore women beneficiaries and a bank linkage of about Rs. 7.67 lakh Crores till date. Accordingly, in line with the recommendations of the Expert Management Commission set up by the Ministry of Finance and the report on Rationalisation of Government Bodies authored by the Principal Economic Adviser, Department of Economic Affairs, the Government has decided to close down RMK to improve efficiency and utilize available resources optimally.
