GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1270 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2025

MISSION VATSALYA

1270# SMT. MAYA NAROLIYA:

SMT. RAMILABEN BECHARBHAI BARA:

SHRI MITHLESH KUMAR:

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

- (a) the percentage increase in the number of children receiving assistance under non-institutional care programmes under Mission Vatsalya;
- (b) the number of children to be benefited from Mission Vatsalya in the year 2025;
- (c) whether the Ministry has taken any initiative to integrate child helplines for child protection; and
- (d) if so, the number of States where these helplines are operational?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

- (a): As compared to FY 2023-24, there has been an increase of 40.23% in the number of children receiving assistance under non-institutional care of Mission Vatsalya in FY 2024-25.
- (b): Number of children supported under Institutional Care and Non-Institutional Care services of Mission Vatsalya Scheme in FY 2024-25 is as follows:

Children supported under	Children supported under
Institutional Care in FY 2024-25	Non-Institutional Care (Sponsorship/Foster Care/
	After Care) in FY 2024-25
76,882	1,70,895

(c) & (d): The emergency response and outreach service under Mission Vatsalya is provided through Toll-free Child Helpline (#1098) which is a 24x7x365 service for children in difficult circumstances. It is integrated with the Emergency Response Support System-112 (ERSS-112) Helpline of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Women Helpline (181). Dedicated WCD-Control Room at State level for Child Helpline have been set up in all the 36 States/UTs.
