

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3184
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.08.2025

ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE STOP CENTRES AND NARI SHAKTI SADANS IN BIHAR

3184 # DR. BHIM SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has established One Stop Centres (OSCs) and Nari Shakti Sadans for prevention of violence against women in Bihar, if so, the number of centres that have been approved, established and are under process so far;
- (b) whether Government believes that the operation of these centres has had a positive impact on women's empowerment, if so, the major achievements thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is providing special guidelines or assistance in collaboration with the State Government for early establishment of the remaining pending centres?

ANSWER

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

(a)to (c): Yes Sir, **One Stop Centre** (OSC) is a component of the Sambal vertical under the umbrella Mission Shakti. It provides integrated and immediate support and assistance under one roof to women affected by violence and those in distress, both in private and public spaces. It provides services like medical aid, legal aid and advice, temporary shelter, police assistance and psycho-social counselling to needy women. As on date, out of the 65 number of OSCs are approved in Bihar, out of which 39 are operational. For early operationalisation of newly approved OSCs, a provision for starting the OSC in rented premises has been given as an interim measure. Since inception, i.e. 1st April, 2015 up to 30th June, 2025, over 45.76 thousand women have been assisted in Bihar.

Shakti Sadan is a component of the Samarthya vertical under the umbrella Mission Shakti. The Shakti Sadan is specifically designed to cater to the destitute women and those in difficult circumstances including trafficked women. It aims at creating a safe and enabling environment for the women in such difficult situations, to enable them to overcome the adverse circumstances. At present, 11 Shakti Sadans are functional in the State of Bihar and 562 number of women have been assisted.

Evaluation of the schemes of the Ministry, was conducted during the Financial Year 2020-21 by NITI Aayog. The study found the relevance, effectiveness, and sustainability of the One Stop Centre (OSC) and Shakti Sadan (erstwhile Swadhar Greh and Ujjawala) as satisfactory.

The implementation of scheme lies with the State Governments/UT Administrations. Further, once in a year, the Programme Approval Board monitors with States/UTs, the progress of activities under the scheme and reviews status of achievement of objectives including early establishment of OSCs. Apart from this, officials of the Ministry continuously review the scheme through meetings, video conferencing and by making field visits to States/UTs from time to time
