GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF POWER

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.154

ANSWERED ON 01.12.2025

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY INITIATIVES IN CHAMBA DISTRICT

154 DR. SIKANDER KUMAR:

Will the Minister of **POWER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of girls who have received self-employability kits trained under NHPC Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative in Chamba district;
- (b) whether Government has made any strategy to scale up this initiative to other districts or States, and if so, the proposed timeline to scale up this NHPC's CSR initiative; and
- (c) whether Government has any plan to provide job opportunities or market linkages to the girls who received self employability kits in order to prepare them for employment or entrepreneurship, if so, efforts made in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

- (a): A total of 182 girls have received self-employability kits under the NHPC Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative in Chamba district, Himachal Pradesh, during the last two years. The details regarding the distribution of self-employability kits under the NHPC CSR initiative in Chamba district are at **Annexure.**
- **(b):** As per the provisions of Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013, the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules and subsequent amendments issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, together with the CSR guidelines of the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), CPSEs, including NHPC, undertake CSR activities in various states/districts. However, preference is given to communities residing in and around its projects and power stations. The areas of healthcare, education, sanitation, rural development, skill development, women empowerment and promotion of sports, arts & culture are prioritized for CSR spending as per Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013.
- (c): CSR initiatives through distribution of self-employability kits to girls are aimed at enabling them to become self-dependent and move towards sustainable livelihood through entrepreneurship. Hence, there is no separate plan by the Government for providing job opportunities or market linkages under this specific initiative.

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 154 ANSWERED IN THE RAJYA SABHA ON 01.12.2025

<u>Details regarding the distribution of self-employability kits under the NHPC Corporate Social</u> <u>Responsibility (CSR) initiative in Chamba district</u>

Session	Block	Distribution of Beauty Therapy Kits (Beauty Culture & Hair Care)	Distribution of Sewing Machines (Cutting Tailoring & Dress Making)
2023-24	Block 1	28	34
	Block 2	28	-
2024-25	Block 1	36	32
	Block 2	24	-
Total		116	66
Grand Total		182	
