

**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. +3520**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16th March, 2018 /Phalguna 25, 1939 (Saka)

Women Self Help Group Development Fund

+3520. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

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

- (a) whether the women's Self Help Group development fund has been set up is likely to be set up;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the objectives thereto;
- (c) whether the Government reviews the above said fund from time to time; and
- (d) the details of the funds released to the State of Chhattisgarh since its inception and the details of the utilization report for the above said fund?

ANSWER

(MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE)

(SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA)

(a) & (b): Women Self Help Groups (WSHGs) Development Fund has been set up in 2011-12 with the objective of addressing issues related to imbalances and State wise disparities in the SHG Bank Linkage Programme with particular focus on women Self Help Groups (SHGs) in backward regions. The Fund is operated by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and covers 150 identified backward districts including Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Districts.

(c): Yes Madam.

(d): Since inception of WSHG development fund, an amount of Rs. 447.42 lakh has been released to anchor agencies in Chhattisgarh as on 31st December, 2017. Audited annual utilization certificates and performance reports for the Fund are submitted by NABARD to Government periodically.
