

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4347
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2019

MAHILA POLICE VOLUNTEERS

4347. SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched the Mahila Police Volunteers (MPV) Scheme in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of districts in which the Mahila Police Volunteers (MPV) Scheme has been implemented and the number of MPVs appointed till date since its launch, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has also launched Mahila aur Shishu Rakshak Dal in the country and if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the impact of outreach by MPVs through home visits, community meetings etc. on confidence building among women in these districts, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b): Ministry of Women and Child Development in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs has envisaged engagement of Mahila Police Volunteers (MPVs) in the States/UTs who will act as a link between police and community and help women in distress. All Chief Secretaries of States/UTs were requested to adopt this initiative in their respective States. Haryana was the first state to adopt the initiative at Karnal and Mahendergarh District on a pilot basis under Nirbhaya Fund during the financial year 2016-2017. Further, the proposals of Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Mizoram, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh have also been approved for implementation of MPVs. The State-wise details of MPVs appointed are at **Annexure-I**.
- (c) to (e): The Government has not launched Mahila aur Shishu Rakshak Dal (MASRD) in the country. However, under the Mahila Police Volunteers Scheme, one of the activities/ responsibilities of Mahila Police Volunteers is to motivate and mobilize individuals to form themselves into MASRDs as well as to integrate the existing groups working in the community on women empowerment issues with MASRDs.

Further, the Scheme of Mahila Police Volunteers is a central sector scheme which is required to be implemented with active financial and administrative participation of State Governments and UT Administrations. The Ministry of Women and Child Development actively pursues with the State Governments and UT Administrations for effective implementation of this Scheme. So far, the Government of India has not conducted impact assessment of this Scheme.

For confidence building among women, Government of India Schemes such as the One Stop Centre Scheme, the Women Help Line Scheme, the Mahila Shakti Kendra Scheme etc. are also implemented.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4347 FOR 19.07.2019 ASKED BY SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK, DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR and SHRI KHAGEN MURMU REGARDING 'MAHILA POLICE VOLUNTEERS'

Sl. No.	States/UTs	No. of MPVs
1	Andhra Pradesh	3000
2	Chhattisgarh	4568
3	Gujarat	791
4	Haryana	967
5	Jharkhand	0
6	Karnataka	0
7	Madhya Pradesh	0
8	Mizoram	205
Total		9531
