

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1818**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2022

**PM CARES FOR CHILDREN SCHEME**

1818. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI :

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

- a. the total number of Children who benefitted from PM Cares for Children scheme till date;
- b. whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps for better implementation of PM Cares for Children scheme throughout the country;
- c. if so, the details thereof;
- d. whether any guidelines/directions have issued to States/UTs for proper implementation of this scheme; and
- e. if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) : PM CARES for Children scheme supports the children who have lost both parents or surviving parent or legal guardian or adoptive parents due to COVID-19 pandemic. The objective of the Scheme is to ensure comprehensive care and protection of Children in a sustained manner, and enable their well being through health insurance, empower them through education and equip them for self-sufficient existence with financial support till 23 years of age. The scheme is accessible through an online portal i.e. pmcaresforchildren.in. Benefits under the Scheme have been given to 4345 eligible children. The Ministry regularly follows up with the State/ UT Governments so as to ensure proper implementation of the Scheme.

(d) & (e) : Yes Sir. The guidelines of PM CARES for Children Scheme have been issued to the States/UTs on 05.10.2021 for proper implementation of the Scheme and also available on the portal i.e. pmcaresforchildren.in of the scheme.

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