

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1508**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2023

**‘CRECHES FOR WOMEN WITH DISABILITY’**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that Creches for Mothers with Disability will enable their increased participation in the economy;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has conducted a survey to assess the pan India requirement for the purpose and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefore;
- (d) the details of Creches for Women with disability in the State of Odisha; and
- (e) whether the Government plans to set up more such creches in Odisha and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) : As per Mission Shakti Guidelines dated 01.04.2022, the National Creche scheme has been revised as Palna under the umbrella scheme of Mission Shakti. The Palna sub-scheme addresses the need for quality crèche care facilities by providing a safe & secure environment for nutritional, health and cognitive development of the children, thereby enabling more mothers to take up gainful employment. The objective to provide crèche facility to all mothers including women with disability, irrespective of their employment status, is a marked shift from the existing policy, arising out of the understanding that existence of quality crèche facilities is a necessary precondition to encourage women to explore employment opportunities.

(d) to (e) : Under Palna component, 17000 Anganwadi-cum-creches and 170 standalone creches has to be set up by year 2025-26 across the country including Odisha at Aanganwadi Centers in convergence with Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0.

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