

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 2821**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2023

**PARIVARIK MAHILA LOK ADALATS**

2821. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI:  
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- a. the number of Parivarik Mahila Lok Adalats (PMLAs) functional in the country particularly in Maharashtra;
- b. the number of cases disposed of by these adalats since their inception;
- c. the number of women who approached the said adalats, State-wise;
- d. the number of PMLAs likely to be added in the coming years; and
- e. whether any steps have been taken by the Government to ensure speedy justice to persons approaching PMLA and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e) : The National Commission for Women (NCW) used to provide financial assistance to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for organising Parivarik Mahila Lok Adalats (PMLAs) till the year 2014-2015. Thereafter, the scheme has been discontinued by the NCW.

The matters redressed through these Lok Adalats related to family affairs, matrimonial disputes, bigamy, succession, and motor vehicle accident disputes related to labour. The NGOs in association with District Legal Aid and Advisory Boards, activists, advocates and other stakeholders, used to organize PMLAs. Till discontinuation of the scheme in 2014-15, a total of 298 such Adalats were held.

The Government has now launched 'Mission Shakti', an integrated women empowerment programme. The program is carefully designed to touch upon and address all concerns and issues of women, responsively, in a comprehensive manner, and during their entire lifecycle continuum. One of the components included in Mission Shakti is 'Nari Adalat' for providing women with an alternate Grievance Redressal Mechanism for resolving cases of petty nature (harassment, subversion, curtailment of rights or entitlements) faced by them at local level.

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