

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3912
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2023

FUNDS FOR EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN IN BIHAR

3912. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

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

- (a) the manner in which the Government is working towards empowering women in Bihar particularly in Seemanchal region; and
- (b) the details of funds allocated/ to be allocated by the Government to different arenas like education, health and employment of women in the said region?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a): To ensure better monitoring and efficient implementation across the country including Seemanchal region of Bihar, in the 15th Finance Commission Cycle, all the schemes for women and children of the Ministry of Women and Child Development have been clubbed together into three verticals, viz. (1) Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 for improving nutrition indicators in the country (2) Mission Vatsalya, for protection and welfare of children; and (3) Mission Shakti, for safety, security and empowerment of women. The details of these schemes are as under:

(i) Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0: This programme has been reorganized into 3 primary verticals: (i) Nutrition Support for POSHAN and for Adolescent Girls (ii) Early Childhood Care and Education [3-6 years] and (iii) Anganwadi Infrastructure including modern, upgraded Saksham Anganwadis.

(ii) Mission Vatsalya: Under Mission Vatsalya, the Child Protection Scheme(CPS) has been strengthened for better outreach and protection for children in need and care in a mission mode with the objective to: (i) Support and sustain Children in difficult circumstances, (ii) Develop context-based solutions for holistic development of children from varied backgrounds, (iii) Provide scope for green field projects for encouraging innovative solutions, (iv) Cement convergent action by gap funding, if required.

(iii) Mission Shakti: Mission Shakti comprises of two sub-schemes 'Sambal' and 'Samarthya' for safety and security of women and empowerment of women respectively. The existing schemes of One Stop Centres (OSC), Women Helplines (181-WHL) and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) have been made part of Sambal sub- scheme; while the existing schemes of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), Ujjwala, Swadhar Greh and Working Women Hostel and National Creche Scheme have been included in 'Samarthya'. A new component of Hub for Empowerment of Women has been included in 'Samarthya' sub-scheme, under which the Central Government provides financial assistance to States/ UTs including Bihar for setting up of Hub at State and District level.

During the financial year 2022-23, funds allocated/ released to the State of Bihar under various components of 'Mission Shakti' are as under :

Scheme Name		Funds released (Rs. in crore)
Samarthya	PMMVY	136.48
	National Creche Scheme	0
	Sakhi Niwas (Working Women Hostel)	0
	Shakti Sadan	0
	Hub for Empowerment of Women (NHEW)	3.05
Sambal	BBBP	6.60
	Women Help Line (WHL)	0
	One Stop Center (OSC)	0
	Nari Adalat	0

Note: The release of funds depends on various factors such as receipt of Utilization Certificates(UCs) and Statement of Expenditure(SoE), compliance with the Single Nodal Account guidelines etc. by the State Governments.

Besides, benefits/ services under various schemes/ programs of other Ministries/ Departments such as Samgra Shiksha, Scholarship schemes, Aayushman Bharat, Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN), Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY), Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK), Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA), LaQshya, Monthly Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Day (VHSND), Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharata Abhiyan, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Stand Up India, Skill India Mission, various initiatives under Digital India Mission etc. implemented by other Ministries/ Departments of the Central Government are also available for the empowerment of women in the country including Bihar.
