

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4847**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.03.2023

**'NATIONAL CRECHE SCHEME'**

4847. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL

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

- (a) whether any special provision has been made for women in the budget, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of provision has been made under Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme (RGNCS) and expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has made any reduction in the funding of Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the grant has not been paid to many creches and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) : The Government of India has launched 'Mission Shakti' – an integrated women empowerment programme as umbrella scheme for the safety, security and empowerment of women for implementation during the 15th Finance Commission period 2021-22 to 2025-26. The budget allocated to Mission Shakti for FY 2022-23 is Rs. 3184.11 Crore.

As per the Gender Budget Statement (Statement XIII), a budget allocation of Rs. 2.23 lakh crore has been reported by 43 Ministries/Departments for the financial Year 2023-24 against the budget allocation of Rs. 1.71 lakh crore reported by 41 Ministries/Departments for the financial year 2022-23. Thus, the quantum of gender budget allocation for the financial year 2023-24 is 30% more than that for the financial year 2022-23.

(b) to (d) : Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme for the Children of Working Mothers was launched as a central sector scheme w.e.f. 1st January, 2006 which was later discontinued and National Creche Scheme was implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme through the States/UTs with effect from 01.01.2017. The erstwhile National Creche Scheme has now been included as Palna Scheme of Samarthyaa sub-scheme under Mission Shakti. The year wise budget allocation and its utilisation under National Creche Scheme now revamped as Palna is as below:

(Rupees in Crores)		
Year	BE	Utilisation
2019-20	50	38.77
2020-21	75	11.6
2021-22	53	0
2022-23	75	8.68 (Pertaining to past liabilities)

The creches were closed during the Covid period.

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