

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4878
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.03.2023

MISSION SHAKTI

4878. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:
MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:

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

- (a) whether Government has reduced budget allocation for 2023-24 to mission Shakti (mission for protection and empowerment of women) against 2022-23;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the proposal of Government towards protection and empowerment for women socially and economically with such meager budget?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) : The Government gives utmost priority to the safety, security and empowerment of women. In the past few years, a number of initiatives have been taken for holistic development and empowerment of women and girls. The Government has adopted multi-pronged approach to address the issue of women on a life-cycle continuum basis for their educational, social, economic and political empowerment so that they become equal partners in fast paced and sustainable national development. The issues of women and girls are cross cutting and accordingly various Ministries/ Departments of Central Government implement the schemes/ programmes in their respective domain for the benefit of women and girls. However, most of the schemes/ programmes of the Central Government are implemented through States/ UTs, to whom funds are released for the purpose. Depending on utilization of funds and demand from the States/ UTs, the Central Government provides funds to them.

There has been substantial increase in the budget for schemes related to safety and empowerment of women in the year 2023-24 as can be seen from the Gender Budget Statement (GBS) of the year 2023-24. 43 Ministries/ Departments/ UTs have reported a total of Rs. 2.23 Lakh crore in the GBS, 2023-24 as compared to Rs. 1.71 Lakh crore by 41 Ministries/ Departments/ UTs in the year 2022-23. The quantum of gender budget indicated in GBS, 2023-24 is 30% more than budget estimates of 2022-23. The share of gender budget in total Union Budget has increased from 4.3% in 2022-23 to 5% in 2023-24.

Under the umbrella scheme for the safety, security and empowerment of women named 'Mission Shakti' for implementation during the 15th Finance Commission period, the Government has approved a total financial outlay of Rs. 20,989 crore, with Central Share of Rs. 15,761 crore. The budget allocation for the financial year 2023-24 is Rs.3143.96 crore as against allocation of Rs.3184.11 crore for the year 2022-23.
