

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1572
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2023

WIDOW SHELTER HOMES

1572. SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHARANDAS MAHANT:

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

- (a) whether any scheme has been proposed by Government to set up shelter homes and widow shelter homes in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof regarding Chhattisgarh State; and
- (c) if not, the steps being taken by the Government in this direction?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Under the newly approved Mission Shakti, Swadhar Greh - for women in difficult circumstances and Ujjawala Home - for prevention of trafficking have been merged and renamed as Shakti Sadan which is an Integrated Relief and Rehabilitation Home for the women in distress situations and difficult circumstances. The residents of Shakti Sadan are provided shelter, food, clothing, health care and other daily requirements under the scheme. Total 441 Shakti Sadans (347 Swadhar Grehs and 94 Ujjawala Homes) are functional in the country.

State Government of Chhattisgarh has informed that there is no separate home running for widow, but 04 Shakti Sadan for women is being operational in the State to provide shelter, food, clothing, counseling, training, clinical and legal aid to women in difficult circumstances. The State Government has also informed that there are 03 Nari Niketans running in the State of Chhattisgarh, a State scheme in which there is provision available to provide shelter to widow, deserted and abandoned women.

Shakti Sadan is a demand driven Centrally Sponsored Scheme where States/UTs forward proposals on the basis of requirement assessed by them as per local needs and requirement of the States/UTs and the proposals are approved in the Programme Approval Board of the Ministry.
