

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2747**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2023

**WELFARE SCHEMES/PROGRAMMES FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

2747. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched any new schemes/programmes for the welfare of women including old, widow and poor women and children in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of funds allocated in this direction; and
- (c) the other steps taken by the Government for their upliftment?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) No Sir. However, for better implementation and efficient monitoring, all schemes of the Ministry being implemented in the country for the welfare of women, including old, widow and poor women, and children have been clubbed into three verticals, viz. (1) Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 for improving nutrition indicators in the country (2) Mission Shakti, for safety, protection and empowerment of women; and (3) Mission Vatsalya, for protection and welfare of children.

**(i) Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0:** Under this programme, Anganwadi Services Scheme, POSHAN Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent Girls 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 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 (renamed as Shakti Sadan) and Working Women Hostel (renamed as Sakhi Niwas), Krishna Kutir, Vrindavan (Home for Widows) and National Creche Scheme (renamed as Palna) have been subsumed in 'Samarthya'.

**(iii) Mission Vatsalya:** The Integrated Child Protection Scheme(ICPS) has been renamed as Mission Vatsalya 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.

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