

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3716**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023

**FUNDS FOR MISSION FOR PROTECTION AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN**

3716. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the funds for Mission for Protection and Empowerment of Women has been slashed from Rs. 500 crore in 2021-22 to Rs. 20 crore in 2023-24;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the proposal of Government for protection and empowerment of women with meager budget of 0.6 per cent of the total Union Budget?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) : The Government implements the Umbrella Scheme named as 'Mission Shakti' for safety, security and empowerment of women during the 15th Finance Commission period with effect from the financial year 2022-23. For implementation of schemes aimed at safety, security and empowerment of women, in the Union Budget 2021-22 and 2023-24, the Ministry of Women and Child Development has been allocated a fund of Rs. 3109.00 crore and Rs. 3143.96 crore respectively. In addition, an amount of Rs.500.00 crore has also been allocated under 'Nirbhaya Fund' for the year 2023-24.

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