### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

# LOKSABHA UN- STARRED QUESTION NO: 4547 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2020

#### PRADHAN MANTRI MAHILA SHAKTI KENDRA

#### 4547. SHRIMATI RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI:

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

- (a) the number of rural women benefited under Pradhan Mantri Mahila Shakti Kendra;
- (b) the extent to which micro credit has been provided to women under the said scheme:
- (c) the number of women who have emerged as entrepreneurs owing to the said scheme; and
- (d) the details thereof, sector-wise?

#### **ANSWER**

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

- (a) Mahila Shakti Kendra Scheme under Ministry of Women and Child Development was approved in November 2017 as a centrally sponsored scheme to empower rural women through community participation. The scheme aims to facilitate inter-sectoral convergence of schemes and programs meant for women both at the central and State/UT level. The scheme envisages community engagement through College Student Volunteers in 115 aspirational districts as part of block level initiatives; District Level Centre for Women (DLCW) in 640 districts to facilitate women centric schemes and provide foothold for BBBP scheme; State Resource Centre for Women to support respective government in implementation of women centric schemes/programs and also function as Project Management Unit for BBBP Scheme with separate funds allocated for State/UT level activities. The scheme is implemented through respective State Government/UT Administration.
- (b) There is no provision for micro credit to women under the Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK) Scheme implementation Guidelines.
- (c) & (d): Do not arise.

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