

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UN- STARRED QUESTION NO: 939
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2020

MAHILA SASHAKTIKARAN SCHEME

939. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to launch Mahila Sashaktikaran Scheme across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives of the scheme thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has initiated a training and capacity building programme under the said scheme at the block level;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the total number of blocks identified in the State of Bihar under this Scheme?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK) 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.

(c) & (d) Under Mahila Shakti Kendra Scheme, Capacity Building of Women Collectives is envisaged in collaboration with Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) / Co-operative Societies / Krishi Vigyan Kendras in not more than 50% of the MSK blocks in the 115 aspirational districts to address livelihood needs of women particularly those in remote/vulnerable areas where women are not in a position to move out individually of their immediate surroundings for formal skill training.

(e) Central share amounting to Rs 13.52 crores has been released to the State Government of Bihar for implementation of the scheme covering 38 districts including 13 aspirational districts. Block level activities through college student volunteers have been approved for a maximum of 8 blocks per aspirational district.
