

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO.72**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2021

**CAPACITY BUILDING INTERFACE FOR WOMEN**

\*72. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE :

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

- (a) whether the Government has initiated any capacity building interface for protection and empowerment of women at the block level under Pradhan Mantri Mahila Shakti Kendra Scheme ;
- (b) if so the details thereof; and
- (c) the total number of blocks that have been identified under this scheme, State-wise including Maharashtra?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA  
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GODSE REGARDING 'CAPACITY BUILDING INTERFACE FOR WOMEN'**

(a) to (c) : The Ministry has decided to close the Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK) Scheme in this financial year and, benefitting with the learnings from it, to launch a new and more comprehensive Umbrella Scheme for safety, security and empowerment of women under the name 'Mission Shakti', including components such as National, State and District level Hubs for Empowerment of Women, Women Help Lines, One Stop Centres, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Nari Adalat etc. for protection and empowerment of women and capacity building in that regard.

As regards the MSK Scheme, it was approved in November, 2017 as a centrally sponsored scheme to empower rural women through community participation. Under the scheme, capacity building of women was envisaged in not more than 50% of the blocks in the 115 aspirational districts to address livelihood needs of women. Besides, block level activities through college student volunteers were envisaged for a maximum of 8 blocks per aspirational district. The MSK scheme was also approved for 34 districts of Maharashtra including 4 aspirational districts.

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