

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3803**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2022

**SHELTER HOMES UNDER SWADHAR GREH SCHEME**

3803. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL

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

- (a) whether the Government had set up shelter homes for widows under Swadhar Greh Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the capacity vis a vis present occupancy in the shelter homes;
- (c) the number of shelter homes constructed by the Government for homeless women across the country, State-wise;
- (d) the reasons for very low occupancy in the shelter homes; and
- (e) the fresh steps taken by the Government to encourage more homeless widows to come and stay in such shelter homes?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) and (b) The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing the Swadhar Greh Scheme revised with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. The Scheme caters to primary needs of women in difficult circumstances – women and girls rendered homeless due to family discord, crime, violence, mental stress, social ostracism or are being forced into prostitution and are in moral danger. Through the provisions of shelter, food, clothing, counseling, training, clinical and legal aid, the Scheme aims to rehabilitate such women in difficult circumstance economically and emotionally. The details of capacity and occupancy of Swadhar Grehs State-wise is at **Annexure**.

The Ministry has constructed Home for Widows, namely, 'Krishna Kutir' at Vrindavan, Mathura in Uttar Pradesh which can accommodate 1000 widows. The home is fully funded by the Ministry. It aims to provide the widows a safe and secure place of stay, health services, nutritious food, legal and counselling services. This Home was inaugurated on 31.08.2018 and it is the largest shelter home for widows in the country.

(c) Most of the Swadhar Grehs are running in the rented buildings. One Swadhar Greh in Madhya Pradesh and three, including one Krishna Kutir, have been constructed in Uttar Pradesh.

(d) and (e) Swadhar Grehs do not have low occupancy, which stands at 76.2% at all-India level during 2021-22. Under the new Mission Shakti, it is envisaged to revise the Scheme guidelines to make them more useful for the beneficiaries and spread awareness about these homes through the National Hub for Empowerment of Women.

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**Annexure**

Annexure referred to in reply of parts (a) and (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3803 for reply on 25.03.2022 by Shri Vijay Baghel regarding Shelter Homes under Swadhar Greh Scheme

**State- wise Number of Swadhar Grehs, Capacity and Occupancy for FY 2021-22**

S. No.	State	No. of Swadhar Grehs	Capacity	Occupancy 2021-22
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	1	30	9
2.	Andhra Pradesh	21	630	438
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	30	22
4.	Assam	16	480	242
5.	Chandigarh	1	30	11
6.	Chhattisgarh	3	90	52
7.	Delhi	2	60	41
8.	Gujarat	8	240	117
9.	Himachal Pradesh	1	30	9
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	2	60	27
11.	Jharkhand	5	150	18
12.	Karnataka	52	1560	1445
13.	Kerala	7	210	165
14.	Madhya Pradesh	15	450	273
15.	Maharashtra	9	270	126
16.	Manipur	23	690	431
17.	Meghalaya	2	60	15
18.	Mizoram	11	330	88
19.	Nagaland	2	60	34
20.	Odisha	54	1620	1667
21.	Puducherry	1	30	10
22.	Punjab	2	60	34
23.	Rajasthan	8	240	203
24.	Sikkim	1	30	18
25.	Tamil Nadu	36	1080	1071
26.	Telangana	21	630	389
27.	Tripura	4	120	64
28.	Uttar Pradesh	14	420	342
29.	Uttarakhand	1	30	-
30.	West Bengal	33	990	802
	<b>Total</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>10710</b>	<b>8163</b>