

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UN-STARRED QUESTION NO.4942
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2022

CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS

4942. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL :

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

- (a) the number of Child Care Institutions (CCIs) in Maharashtra;
- (b) the details of funds allocated for the maintenance of these institutions;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken additional measures to protect and educate slum dwelling children or displaced children in light of COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) : The number of Child Care Institutions (CCIs) in the State of Maharashtra are 490 including 102 CCIs supported under CPS scheme.

(b) : An amount of central share of Rs. 54.67 crore has been released to the State of Maharashtra during the current financial year 2021-22 under Child Protection Services Scheme- Mission Vatsalya for implementation of the scheme.

(c) & (d) : The Ministry of Women and Child Development asked States and UTs to take immediate action for care and protection of children adversely impacted by COVID 19, in accordance with the provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Rules thereunder, while leveraging the facilities funded under the Child Protection Services scheme. The Ministry also issued advisories and guidelines for encouraging COVID appropriate behaviour, monitoring of Child Care Institutions and coping strategies during COVID times for mental health support to children and care givers. A responsibility matrix defining role of primary duty holders at all levels from State to Panchayati Raj Institutions was also shared with States/UTs.

Further, Ministry of Education has also issued instructions to the States & UTs from time to time for ensuring continued education with quality and equity to mitigate the impact of challenges thrown by the COVID-19 pandemic for school children and for preventing drop outs, lower enrolments and loss of learning.