

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UN-STARRED QUESTION NO.2243
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2022

PRIORITY STATES UNDER MISSION VATSALYA SCHEME

2243. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

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

- (a) the details of the 'Mission Vatsalya Scheme' along with the names of States given priority under the first phase of the Scheme;
- (b) whether the funds are likely to be released to the States through the Mission Vatsalya Project Board and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Mission Vatsalya Scheme is likely to cover the children of garden workers of Assam and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) : Mission Vatsalya is a roadmap to achieve development and child protection priorities aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It lays emphasis on child rights, advocacy and awareness along with strengthening of the juvenile justice care and protection system with the motto to 'leave no child behind'. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 provisions and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 form the basic framework for implementation of the Mission. Funds under the Mission Vatsalya Scheme are released according to the requirements and demands made by the States/UTs. Mission Vatsalya scheme is being implemented by all the States/UTs.

(b) : Yes, Sir. The Mission Vatsalya Project Approval Board (PAB) scrutinizes and approves the annual plans and financial proposals received from the States/ UTs for release of funds under the scheme.

(c) : Mission Vatsalya is a centrally sponsored scheme to support to States and UT Governments for delivering services for children in need of care and protection and in difficult circumstances. The services are provided through sponsorship or through Child Care Institutions (CCIs) which *inter-alia* support boarding and lodging, age-appropriate education, access to vocational training, recreation, health care, counselling etc. The scheme covers all the States & UTs including Tea Garden areas of Assam.
