

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3129**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2024

**WELFARE SCHEMES FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF WEAKER SECTIONS**

3129. DR. GANAPATHY RAJKUMAR P:

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

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to introduce new schemes for the Women and Child belonging to weaker sections; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

**(a) & (b)** For better implementation and efficient monitoring, all schemes implemented by the Ministry for women and children, including those belonging to weaker sections, have been clubbed into three verticals, viz. (1) Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 for improving nutrition & health indicators in the country (2) Mission Shakti, for safety, protection and empowerment of women; and (3) Mission Vatsalya, for protection, care and welfare of children in difficult circumstances. Details of the schemes are as under:

**(i) Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0):** Under this programme, Anganwadi Services Scheme, POSHAN Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent Girls have been reorganized into 3 primary sub-verticals: (i) Nutrition Support for POSHAN and for Adolescent Girls (ii) Early Childhood Care and Education [3-6 years] and (iii) Anganwadi Infrastructure including modern, upgraded Saksham Anganwadis.

**(ii) Mission Shakti:** Mission Shakti comprises of two sub-verticals, i.e., '**Sambal**' for safety and security of women and '**Samarthya**' for empowerment of women. The existing schemes of One Stop Centres (OSC), Women Helpline (181-WHL) and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) have been made part of Sambal sub-vertical; while the existing schemes of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), Ujjwala, Swadhar Greh (renamed as Shakti Sadan) and Working Women Hostel (renamed as Sakhi Niwas), National Hub for Empowerment of Women (NHEW) and National Creche Scheme (renamed as Palna) have been subsumed in the 'Samarthya' sub-vertical.

**(iii) Mission Vatsalya:** Mission Vatsalya has subsumed the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) for better outreach and protection for children in need and care in a mission mode with the objective to: (i) Support and sustain Children in difficult circumstances. (ii) Develop context-based solutions for holistic development of children from varied backgrounds. (iii) Provide scope for green field projects for encouraging innovative solutions. (iv) Cement convergent action by gap funding, if required.

\*\*\*\*\*