

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1978
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2024

MAHILA SHAKTI KENDRA SCHEME

1978. SHRI BAIJAYANT PANDA:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the implementation of the Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK) Scheme, including the number of functional centres established under the said scheme;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and utilised for MSK at the Central and State levels during the last three years, and the measures taken to ensure effective fund utilisation;
- (c) the number of women beneficiaries who have received assistance through the MSK, with a focus on those from rural and underserved regions;
- (d) whether any training capacity-building initiatives have been conducted for the staff and volunteers working in MSK centres to enhance their efficiency and impact, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any challenges have been faced in the implementation of the said scheme, especially in remote and rural areas; and
- (f) if so, the details of the steps being taken by the Government to address these challenges and improve outreach?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

(a) to (f): The Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK) Scheme was approved in November, 2017 as a centrally sponsored scheme to empower rural women through community participation. A third party evaluation study of MSK scheme was conducted by NITI Aayog in 2020. Taking into account the findings of the evaluation and after consultation

with States/ UTs and stakeholders, the scheme has been discontinued with effect from 01.04.2022.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing the Umbrella Mission named as 'Mission Shakti' with effect from 01.04.2024 which aims at strengthening interventions for women safety, security and empowerment. The Mission Shakti has two verticals 'Sambal' and 'Samarthya'.

The "Sambal" vertical is for safety and security of women. It has the schemes of One Stop Centres (OSCs), Women Helpline (WHL), Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) and Nari Adalat.

The "Samarthya" vertical is for empowerment of women. It has the schemes of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), Shakti Sadan, Sakhi Niwas, Palna and SANKALP: Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW).
