

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3068
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2024

SAMBAL SCHEME

3068. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has started SAMBAL scheme for safety and security of women, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has set up and made operational One Stop Centre, Swadhar Greh and Widow Homes for helping women in difficult circumstances in the districts of Panna, Katni and City of Khajuraho of district Chhatarpur in Madhya Pradesh; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): The Government is implementing the Sambal vertical under the umbrella Mission Shakti for safety and security of women. The Sambal vertical comprises of One Stop Centre (OSC), Women Helpline (WHL), Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) and Nari Adalat. The details are as under:

(i) **The One Stop Centre (OSC) scheme** is being implemented across the country since 1st April, 2015. It provides integrated support and assistance under one roof to women affected by violence and those in distress, both in private and public spaces. It also provides an integrated range of services including medical aid, legal aid and advice, temporary shelter, police assistance, psycho-social counselling to needy women. As on date, out of approved 878 One Stop Centres (OSCs), 802 OS Cs are operational across the country and over 10.12 lakh women have been assisted as on date.

(ii) **Women Helpline (WHL)** is a toll free 24x7x365 emergency and non- emergency assistance to women in distress through a single uniform number (181). Additionally, it provides information about government schemes and programs for women across

the country. Women Helpline-181 is functional in 35 States/UTs (State of West Bengal is not implementing WHL) and has assisted around 81.64 lakh women till date.

(iii) **BBBP scheme** was launched on 22nd January, 2015 aims to prevent Gender biased sex selective elimination, ensure survival and protection of girl child and also to ensure education of the girl child. Ministry has developed a thematic calendar for suggested convergence activities at district level with month wise specific themes for holistic development of the Girl Child.

(iv) **The Nari Adalat** is a new component under Sambal vertical of Mission Shakti. It is currently implemented in the State of Assam and UT of Jammu & Kashmir on a pilot basis.

(b) and (c): The Ministry has approved one OSC each in the districts of Panna, Katni and Chhatarpur districts of Madhya Pradesh and all the three OSCs are operational. Swadhar Greh (now called Shakti Sadan) have not been set up in these districts as the scheme is demand driven and it is upto the States/UTs to raise the demand.
