GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4209 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2024

MAHILA SHAKTI KENDRA SCHEME

†4209. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAVAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

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

- (a) the details of the funds allocated under the Mahila Shakti Kendra Scheme during the last five years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the said scheme has also been implemented in the aspirational district, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether several States and UTs have not received funds under the said scheme launched in the year 2017, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government is aware of the fact that many States and Union Territories have failed to make payments to the employees working under this scheme, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the district level centres have been sanctioned under the said scheme in all the districts as per the Census of India 2011; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof particularly with regard to Osmanabad, an aspirational district of Maharashtra?

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 was discontinued with effect from 01.04.2022 and the liabilities till 31.03.2022 as claimed by the States/ UTs under the Scheme were also released/ settled.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development is now implementing the Umbrella Scheme named as 'Mission Shakti' with effect from 01.04.2022 which aim 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).
