

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3501
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2025

MAHILA SHAKTI KENDRAS

3501. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing the Mahila Shakti Kendras (MSKs) to empower rural women, especially in the State of Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has established MSKs in the districts of Katni, Panna and the town of Khajuraho in the Khajuraho Parliamentary Constituency;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the measures being taken to ensure the success of the said scheme; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): 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.

However, Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing the Umbrella Scheme named as 'Mission Shakti' with effect from 01.04.2022 across the country including the State of Madhya Pradesh which aim at strengthening interventions for women safety, security and empowerment. The 'Mission Shakti' has two verticals 'Sambal' for safety and security of women and 'Samarthya' for empowerment of women.

“Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW)”, a component under Samarthya, sub-scheme of ‘Mission Shakti’ is functioning as a Project Management Unit (PMU) for monitoring and supervisory unit of Mission Shakti Scheme.

The HEW centres also engage in widespread outreach and awareness through organising awareness activities, camps, and campaigns to disseminate information related to women centric schemes, programmes, policies and legislations.

The HEW are operational in the State of Madhya Pradesh at State level as well as District level including the districts of Katni, Panna and the districts falling within the Khajuraho Parliamentary Constituency.
