

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4645
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2025

OBJECTIVES OF MISSION SHAKTI

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

- (a) the objectives/key components of Mission Shakti along with the number of women beneficiaries under Sambal (safety and security) and Samarthya (empowerment) components in the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) the details of new initiatives undertaken under the Mission Shakti to strengthen women's safety, security and empowerment;
- (c) the progress made under Mission Shakti in providing financial assistance, skill training and self-employment opportunities to women along with the measures being taken to ensure effective implementation at the grassroots level;
- (d) whether the Government has identified any gaps or challenges in the scheme and if so, the details of the corrective steps being taken thereon;
- (e) the number of One Stop Centres (OSCs) and Women Helplines established under the Mission Shakti in the State of Maharashtra;
- (f) the number of women who have availed support from these facilities during the last three years; and
- (g) the details of the steps being taken to ensure adequate staff/infrastructure support for these facilities?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d)The Government of India has launched 'Mission Shakti' – an integrated women empowerment programme as an umbrella scheme for the safety, security, and empowerment of women, to be implemented during the 15th Finance Commission period, i.e., up to FY 2025-26. It has been in effect across the country since 1st April 2022 including State of Maharashtra. Mission Shakti has two sub-schemes namely "Sambal" for safety and security of women and "Samarthya" for empowerment of women. The 'Sambal' has components of One Stop Centre (OSC), Women Helpline (WHL), Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) and Nari Adalat. The 'Samarthya' has components of Shakti Sadan, Sakhi Niwas, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, Palna and SANKALP: Hub for Empowerment of Women (SANKALP: HEW). The objective of the components under Mission Shakti are as follows:

2. SAMBAL:

- i. **One Stop Centre (OSC)** provides integrated support and assistance under one roof to women affected by violence and those in distress, both in private and public spaces. It provides services like medical aid, legal aid and advice, **temporary shelter**, police assistance and psycho-social counselling to needy women. In the State of Maharashtra, 35,398 women have been assisted through OSCs since inception to 31.01.2025.
- ii. **Women Helpline (WHL)** provides seamless emergency and non- emergency support and information service to women and girls across the country through **a 24/7 universal toll free number 181. In the State of Maharashtra, 1,73,071 women have been assisted through WHL since inception to 31.01.2025.**
- iii. **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP)** aims to address declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and related issues of empowerment of girls and women over a life cycle continuum. The scheme is primarily focused on creating mindset and behavioural change towards the girl child by informing, influencing, motivating, engaging, and empowering all stakeholders.
- iv. **Nari Adalat** is an initiative aimed at empowering women and ensuring justice through services such as alternate dispute resolution, grievance redressal, counselling, and evidence-based decision-making. It addresses gender-based issues like domestic violence, dowry disputes, child custody, and workplace disparities. Nari Adalat is successfully piloted from 2023-24 in 50 Gram Panchayats (GPs) each in Assam and Jammu & Kashmir. Till 31st December 2024, in both the state of Assam and UT of Jammu & Kashmir the pilot State/UT a total 497 cases have been registered, of which 414 have been successfully resolved.

3. SAMARTHYA:

- i. **Shakti Sadan** - an Integrated Relief and Rehabilitation Home for women in distress situations including trafficked women. The number of beneficiaries under Shakti Sadan is 3,727 during the last three years.
- ii. **Sakhi Niwas** - to promote availability of safe and conveniently located accommodation for working women in urban, semi-urban and also in rural areas where employment opportunities for women exist. The number of beneficiaries under Sakhi Niwas 25,602 during the last three years.
- iii. **Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)** - Centrally Sponsored Maternity Benefit Scheme under which cash incentives flow to the beneficiaries

in Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode for the first child and the second girl child. The number of beneficiaries enrolled under the scheme PMMVY in the State of Maharashtra is 42,58,077 and out of these, 37,99,578 beneficiaries have been paid since inception to 24.03.2025.

- iv. **Palna** aims to increase the participation of women in work force in the economy by providing quality crèche facility in safe and secure environment for children.
- v. **SANKALP: Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW)** is an initiative, under the Samarthyaa sub-scheme of Mission Shakti which will function as a single window inter-sectoral convergence mechanism.

As per the Mission Shakti guidelines, the Central Government provides 100% financial assistance to States/ UTs under Sambal sub-scheme. While Samarthyaa sub-scheme is implemented with a funding ratio of 60:40 between Centre and State Governments and UTs with legislature except North East & Special Category States where ratio is 90:10. For UTs without legislature, 100% funding is provided by the central government.

Evaluation of the schemes of the Ministry was conducted during the Financial Year 2020-21 by NITI Aayog. The study found the relevance, effectiveness, and sustainability of the various schemes as satisfactory. Based on the report Ministry has launched Mission Shakti guideline for implementation during the 15th Finance Commission up to FY 2025-26. Once in a year during Programme Approval Board Meeting with States/UTs, the Ministry of Women and Child Development also monitors the progress of the overall activities under Mission Shakti and reviews status of achievement of objectives. Apart from this, officials of the Ministry review the Mission Shakti scheme through meetings, video conferencing and by making field visits to States/UTs from time to time.

(e) to (g): Total number of 55 One Stop Centres (OSCs) are operational in the State of Maharashtra and 22,170 women have been assisted during the last three years. Women Helpline (WHL) is also operational in the State of Maharashtra to cater the need across the State. During the last three years 14,209 women have been assisted. Adequate staff and infrastructural support is provided for smooth operationalization of OSCs across the country. However, the implementation of the all schemes under Mission Shakti lies with the State Governments and UT Administrations.
