GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5671 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2025

STATUS OF MISSION SHAKTI

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

- the current status of Mission Shakti along with the details of beneficiaries that have been covered under various components of the said scheme since its launch;
- (b) the details of the implementation of said scheme along with the funds allocated, released and utilized under both Sambal (safety and security for women) and Samarthya (empowerment of women) sub-schemes;
- (c) the details of the steps being taken to strengthen the implementation of One Stop Centres, Women's Helplines/other support mechanisms under the said schemes particularly in rural and backward regions;
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the impact of said scheme on reducing crimes against women and improving their socio-economic conditions, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether measures are being taken to ensure better inter-ministerial coordination for the effective implementation of the said scheme, if so, the details thereof along with monitoring mechanisms for real-time tracking of progress?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) implements 'Mission Shakti', a Centrally Sponsored Scheme across the country for the welfare of women and girls during the 15th Finance Commission period, with effect from the financial year 2022-23. 'Mission Shakti' aims at strengthening interventions for women safety, security and empowerment. It comprises of two verticals 'Sambal' and 'Samarthya' for safety and security of women and empowerment of women respectively. The "Sambal" vertical is for safety and security of women and its component include, One Stop Centres (OSCs) which is an institution located at district

level offering under one roof immediate help and support to women in distress such as police assistance, medical aid, temporary shelter, psycho-socio counselling and legal aid and counselling, the Women Helpline (WHL) 181 provides toll-free 24-hours telecom service to women seeking support and information. The Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) component focusses on improving Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB), promoting girls education and outreach and awareness for mindset change towards valuing the girl child. The Nari Adalat component is implemented on pilot basis for providing alternate grievance redressal platform for resolving petty disputes women experience at the grassroots level. The "Samarthya" vertical is for the empowerment of women. It includes Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) which is for providing cash incentives in Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode to pregnant women and lactating mothers for promoting health seeking behaviour and partial compensation of wage losses. The Sakhi Niwas (Working Women Hostel) that aims to promote availability of safe and conveniently located accommodation for working women in urban, semi-urban and even rural areas where employment opportunity for women exists. Shakti Sadan, a shelter home for women in difficult circumstances including trafficked women. Under Palna component, Government is establishing Creche facility in Anganwadi Centers for providing quality childcare services to the working mothers. The SANKALP: Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW) serves as a vehicle to bridge the information and knowledge gap regarding schemes and facilities available for women.

The details of funds allocated, fund released, fund utilized and the number of women benefitted/ assisted from the year 2022-23 to 2024-25* is as under:

Component	Funds allocated in Revised Estimate (RE) (₹ in Cr)		(₹Number of beneficiaries/ women assisted (in lakh)
Sambal- vertical	999.78	754.52	39.10**
Samarthya- vertical	5444.52	4942.05	206.76

^{*} The provisional figures for 2024-25 have been included.

(c): The OSC is now the mainstay of Ministry's intervention for safety and security of women at District level. The OSCs now work in close coordination with various institutions like Hospitals, Police Stations, Women Helpdesks in Police Stations, Anti Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) and other institutional support services available at district level. As on date, 818 OSCs are functional covering the entire geographical area of the country. Under Mission Shakti, the WHL of all States/ UTs (except West Bengal), which were earlier running separately, has been integrated through computerised application. It is also integrated with Emergency Response Support System (ERSS), national emergency helpline 112. Similarly, the Child Helpline 1098 has also been integrated with ERSS 112. The WHL 181 is also integrated with 501 OSCs. Similarly the Child Helpline 1098 has been integrated with the District Child Protection Units (DCPUs). These 3 helplines together, now provide facility for inter

^{**} Under the BBBP component, mass outreach programmes have been organised, but the number is not measurable.

transferability of calls and data for seamless assistance and support to the needy women and girls 24x7x365 by connecting them with appropriate authorities and resources and also provide information about various government schemes, policies and programmes.

(d)and (e): The Government has put in place a 'Mission Shakti portal' for capturing the complete details of facilities and services as well as the details of women assisted/ supported under various components of the scheme for improving the efficiency and transparency through better monitoring.

With the introduction of umbrella Mission Shakti scheme from 1st April, 2022, the number of instalments under PMMVY have been reduced from three (3) to two (2). Further, maternity benefit under PMMVY is also extended for the second child subject to second child being a girl. A new portal, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana Software (PMMVYSoft) was launched in March, 2023. In order to provide seamless transfer of funds directly to the beneficiaries Aadhaar-seeded bank or post office accounts in a transparent manner, under PMMVYSoft, beneficiary authentication is done through Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and National Payment Corporations of India (NPCI). Further, to facilitate the beneficiaries for tracking the status of their applications and payments, a 'Track and Search' feature is available on the PMMVY portal. Also, a Grievance redressal module has been implemented to lodge and track any PMMVY related grievances by any beneficiary.

The support under the HEW is for guiding, linking and hand holding women to various institutional and schematic set ups in coordination and convergence with various Ministries/ Departments of Central Government and their counterparts at State/ UT and District level for their empowerment and development including facilitating access to healthcare, quality education, career and vocational counselling and training, financial inclusion, entrepreneurship, backward and forward linkages, health and safety for workers, social security and digital literacy at districts, Blocks and Gram Panchayat levels across the country.

There are various other schemes/ programmes implemented by the various Ministries/ Departments of the Central Government for the socio-economic development of women and girls in the country. The details of some of them are as under:

- (i) In order to reduce drudgery and enhance the ease of living for the women particularly in the rural areas of the country under the Swacch Bharat Mission more than 11.8 crore toilets have been constructed, 10.3 crore households have been provided Clean cooking fuel through Ujjawala Yojana and safe and potable tap water connection to over 15 crore households through Jal Jeevan Mission.
- (ii) Prime Minister Awaas Yojana Gramin (PMAY-G) and Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana Urban (PMAY-U) aim to provide 'Housing for All' through provision of pucca house with basic amenities to all houseless families and households living in kutcha and dilapidated house in rural areas and the

housing requirement of Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) including slum dwellers in the urban areas.

- (iii) Under Ayushman Bharat, the Government is providing free of cost treatment through over 1200 medical packages to over 55 crore citizens. Out of these, over 141 medical packages are exclusively designed for addressing medical needs of women. Seven types of screening (TB, Hypertension, Diabetes, Oral Cancer, Breast Cancer, Cervical Cancer and Cataract) are provided under the scheme, which have benefitted crores of women. There are over 150,000 Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs), also referred to as Ayushman Arogya Mandir, in both urban and rural areas, bring health care closer to the community. Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PMJAY) is the world's largest public funded health assurance scheme, with special focus on poor and disadvantaged women.
- (iv) There are over 15,000 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya JanaushadhiKendras (PMBJK) functional across the country. The PMBJK besides providing affordable medicines and medical devices, including about 40 women specific items and also have provision for sale of Sanitary Napkins named 'Suvidha Sanitary Napkins' at extremely affordable price of Rupee 1 per pad.
- (v) Under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PMKVY), skill and vocational training is provided to women.
- (vi) Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) provides digital literacy to rural populations.
- (vii) Women are also the largest beneficiaries under Prime Minister Jan Dhan Yojna (PM-JDY) one of the largest financial inclusion initiatives in the world which also provides access to direct benefits under various welfare schemes, credit and insurance services.
- (viii) Stand-up India and MUDRA Yojna facilitate bank loans and entrepreneurial activities and have majorly benefitted women entrepreneurs.
- (ix) Schemes such as Start-up India, Pradhan Mantri Street Vendors AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) provides employment/ self-employment and credit facilities. Majority of the beneficiaries under these schemes are women.
- (x) Atal Pension Yojana (APY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) have been

implemented to provide social protection through insurance coverage and pension.

The Ministry reviews the progress of implementation in coordination with States/ UTs through various modes including the Programme Approval Board (PAB) meetings, Video Conferencing, field visits and issues advisories from time to time. The Ministry also conducts various awareness programs through States/UTs. It includes various Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and Behavioral Change Communication (BCC) activities among others, Prabhat Pheri, Nukkad Natak, Newspaper Advertisements, Airing Radio Jingles, Selfie Campaign, Door to Door Campaign, Community Programmes which are conducted at field functionary levels. Further, the Ministry also runs special campaign for registration of eligible beneficiaries in all the States and UTs under PMMVY on a periodic basis.
