

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UN-STARRED QUESTION NO.855**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2025

**OPEN SHELTERS IN BIHAR**

855. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Open Shelters assisted under the Mission Vatsalya Scheme in the country particularly in Bihar;
- (b) whether the number of Open Shelters in the said State particularly in the district of Saran, is lesser compared to other States and districts; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for the lesser number of Open Shelters in said State especially in said district along with the steps taken to address these disparities?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) : Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely 'Mission Vatsalya', through the State/ UT Governments under which financial support is provided to deliver various services for children in difficult circumstances i.e. Children in Need of Care and Protection and Children in Conflict with Law. The services include both institutional care and non-institutional care. Open Shelters provide support to children missing, trafficked, working, children in street situation, child beggars, children affected by any natural disaster, children living in unauthorized areas/slums, children of migrant population, children of socially marginalized groups etc.

Under Mission Vatsalya Scheme, State Governments prepare an Annual Action plan and financial proposals on the basis of their local needs and requirement of Child Care Institutions. These are considered and approved in the Project Approval Board meetings held with State officials. The number of Open Shelters assisted under the Mission Vatsalya Scheme in the country, as on 31.03.2024, is 227. No Open Shelter is yet supported under Mission Vatsalya Scheme in Bihar including in Saran district.

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