

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 887
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2025

SWADHAR GREH SCHEME

887. SHRI SUDHAKAR SINGH:

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

- (a) the current status of the Swadhar Greh scheme alongwith the functional homes established across the country to provide shelter and support to women in distress;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated, utilized, and the number of beneficiaries covered under the scheme during the last three years;
- (c) whether any measures are being taken to address the challenges such as inadequate facilities, fund disbursement and lack of awareness about the scheme among potential beneficiaries, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether there are any plans to expand the Swadhar Greh network in underserved regions, particularly in States like Bihar, where the need for such facilities is significant and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Under the overarching 'Mission Shakti', erstwhile schemes of 'Swadhar Greh' for women in difficult circumstances and 'Ujjawala Home' for Prevention of Trafficking, have been merged and known as 'Shakti Sadan Scheme', which is an Integrated Relief and Rehabilitation Home for women in distressful situations including trafficked women. It aims at creating a safe and enabling environment for the women in such difficult situations, to enable them to overcome the adverse circumstances.

The Shakti Sadan Scheme is a demand driven Centrally Sponsored Scheme, under which funds are directly released to the States/UTs for implementation of the scheme. The States/UTs assess their requirement as per local needs and proposals are approved by the Programme Approval Board (PAB) after discussion with States/UTs. Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided for running of Shakti Sadan in rented premises.

The Ministry engages with the States/UTs regularly and through its various Schemes i.e. Beti Bachao Beti Padoo (BBBP), One Stop Centre (OSC) and Women Help Line (WHL) which envisages to provide 24 hours emergency and non-emergency response to women, both in public and private spaces by linking them with appropriate authority such as Police, OSC, Hospital, Legal Services etc. Through these measures work towards generating awareness among women and children.

In so far as State of Bihar is concerned, it is informed that during the Financial Year 2024-25, PAB approved the proposal received from the State Government of Bihar for setting up of 38 new Shakti Sadans one in each District. In this regard, an amount of Rs.3,02,89,800/- has been released to the State Government of Bihar.

Presently, 404 Shakti Sadans are functional across the country. The funds released and number of women benefited with regard to Shakti Sadan during the last three financial years' period is as follows:

Financial Year	2021-22		2022-23*		2023-24	
	Funds released (Rupees in lakhs) ^	Number of Beneficiaries**	Funds released (Rupees in lakhs)	Number of Beneficiaries**	Funds released (Rupees in lakhs)	Number of Beneficiaries**
Total	1874.87	32549	1544.83	32113	11897.97	24753

^ Budget of erstwhile Swadhar Greh and Ujjawala Home Schemes was merged in FY 2021-22

*Known as Shakti Sadan w.e.f. 01.04.2022

**As informed by States/UTs
