

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3341
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2025

GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken any initiative to provide guidance/technical support with regard to gender equality, women empowerment and gender mainstreaming to all the States particularly Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Women and Child Development implements the Gender Budgeting Scheme since 2007-08 with the objective to build capacity of the government officers at the Central, State and District level to undertake gender budgeting. Under the scheme, 100% grant-in-aid is given to the State Government Departments, National/ State Government funded Training Institutes, Universities/ PSUs etc. to conduct training and workshops on gender budgeting. During the financial year 2024-25, approval for conducting training/ workshops on gender budgeting was given to 17 agencies i.e. 3 Central Government funded National/ Regional level Training Institutes, Department of WCD/ Social Welfare of 9 States/ UTs viz. Assam, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, UT of Ladakh and 5 State Government Training Institutes, for a total amount of Rs. 1.27 crore, based on the proposals received from them as per the scheme guidelines.

There are a number of schemes/ programmes being implemented by various Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India across the country for social and economic empowerment of women, including for women and girls in the State of Uttar Pradesh. The major schemes and programmes of the Government of India for education include, Samagra Shiksha, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, Eklavya Model Residential Schools, pre-matric and post-matric scholarships, National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT), SWAYAM(Study Webs of Active Learning for

Young Aspiring Minds), SWAYAM PRABHA, PM e-Vidya, and National Digital Library (NDL). Social protection is addressed through Atal Pension Yojana (APY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), and Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), while food security is strengthened by the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY). Sanitation, clean energy, and water access have been enhanced via Swachh Bharat Mission, Ujjawala Yojana, and Jal Jeevan Mission. Housing needs are met through Prime Minister Awaas Yojana Gramin (PMAY-G) and Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana Urban (PMAY-U). In health, Ayushman Bharat, Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs), and Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJK) provide essential medical services and affordable medicines, medical devices and sanitary products. Skill development and digital literacy are promoted under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) and Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA), while financial inclusion and entrepreneurship are supported through Prime Minister Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Stand Up India, MUDRA Yojana, and Start-up India. Employment, self-employment and credit facilitation are further extended by Pradhan Mantri Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGMSE), and the Mahila Coir Yojana (MCY) offers targeted vocational training to rural women. Collectively, these schemes are driving the agenda of women-led development, gender equality, women empowerment, and gender mainstreaming.

Further, the Ministry in coordination with States/ UTs as well as National Commission for Women (NCW) and its counterparts in States undertakes awareness exercises through seminars, workshops, audio- visual campaigns, print and electronic media etc. to sensitize the people about the schemes/ programmes related to women empowerment and also about various women-centric provisions of the legislation and policies etc.
