GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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MISSION SHAKTI AND PMMVY IN KARNATAKA

3276. SHRI E TUKARAM:

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

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the implementation of Mission Shakti in the Ballari Parliamentary Constituency, Karnataka, if so, the details of the One Stop Centres, Women Helpline and other women support services functioning therein;

(b) the number of women who have benefited under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) and other major women welfare schemes in the said Parliamentary Constituency during the last three years;

(c) whether adequate shelter homes, creche facilities/other support services for women are available in the said Parliamentary Constituency, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to strengthen these facilities and sanction additional support services in the said Parliamentary Constituency, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (d): The Government gives utmost priority to the safety, security, rehabilitation and empowerment of women in the country. Government has adopted multi-pronged approach to address the needs of women on a life-cycle continuum basis for their educational, social, economic and political empowerment so that they become equal partners in the fast paced process of sustainable national development. This vision of 'Women led development' is essential for realising the goal of a developed India, or 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the country for the welfare of women and children, which are placed under three verticals, viz. (1) Mission Shakti, for safety, protection and empowerment of women; (2) Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 for improving nutrition & health indicators in the country; and (3) Mission Vatsalya, for protection and welfare of children in difficult circumstances.

The ‘Mission Shakti’ aims at strengthening interventions for women safety, security and empowerment. Mission Shakti comprises of two verticals ‘Sambal’ and ‘Samarthya’ for safety and security of women and empowerment of women respectively.

The “Sambal” sub-scheme is for safety and security of women. It has the components of One Stop Centres (OSCs), Women Helpline (WHL), Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) and Nari Adalat.

1. **One Stop Centre (OSC)** provides integrated and immediate support and assistance under one roof to women affected by violence and those in distress, both in private and public spaces across the country. It provides services like medical aid, legal aid and advice, temporary shelter, police assistance and psycho-social counselling to needy women across the country. As on date, 991 One Stop Centres have been made operational across the country. Since inception, i.e. 1st April, 2015 to 30th June, 2026, over 15.20 lakh women have been assisted through One Stop Centres across the country. In the State of Karnataka, 44 One Stop Centre are operational including one OSC in Ballari district and two OSC in Vijayanagar district in the Ballari Parliamentary Constituency and over 44,926 women have been assisted through these OSCs in the State of Karnataka. As the scheme is demand driven, the States and UTs are encouraged to set-up at least one OSC in each district and additional OSC(s) in those districts which have higher rate of crime against women or have bigger geographical area and in aspirational districts.
2. **Women Helpline (WHL-181)** provides 24-hour toll-free telecommunication services to support women in both emergency and non-emergency situations. It offers assistance to women affected by violence and provides information about government schemes and services. Since inception (1st April, 2015 to 30th June, 2026), over 1.04 crore women have been assisted through Women Helplines across the country including 1,23,643 women have been assisted in the State of Karnataka.
3. **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP)** helps to address issues relating to Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and related issues of empowerment of girls and women. The scheme tries to create mindset and behavioural changes towards the girl child by informing, influencing, motivating, engaging, and empowering various stakeholders. BBBP has transformed from a policy initiative into a national movement by mobilizing various stakeholders, including government agencies, media, civil society, and the public at large.
4. **Nari Adalat** scheme provides a platform for alternative grievance redressal for women at the gram panchayat level. The Adalats are mandated to help women in distress at the panchayat level in resolving smaller issues relating to domestic violence, and other gender-based violence by negotiation, mediation, and reconciliation with mutual consent for accessible justice.

The “Samarthya” sub scheme is for empowerment of women. It has the components of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), Shakti Sadan, Sakhi Niwas, Palna and SANKALP: Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW).

1. **Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY):** The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) w.e.f. 01.01.2017 across 35 States and UTs in the country including Ballari district of Karnataka (excluding Telangana, which is under process of onboarding on the PMMVY portal). PMMVY is a Centrally Sponsored Maternity Benefit Scheme under which cash incentives of ₹5,000/- is provided directly to the Bank/ Post Office account of the beneficiary in Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode for first child. The eligible beneficiaries receive the remaining cash incentive, as per approved norms towards maternity benefit under Janani Suraksha Yojana after institutional delivery, so that on an average a woman gets ₹6,000/-. Cash incentive of ₹6,000/- is also provided under PMMVY to eligible beneficiaries for second child subject to the second child being a girl.

   The number of beneficiaries paid under the PMMVY Scheme during the last three financial years in the Ballari Parliamentary Constituency of Karnataka (Ballari and Vijayanagar Districts) are as under:

S. No.	Financial Year	No of beneficiaries paid under PMMVY in Ballari District	No of beneficiaries paid under PMMVY in Vijayanagar District	No of beneficiaries paid under PMMVY in Karnataka
1.	2023-24	4,321	170	1,64,345
2.	2024-25	26,519	15,499	7,30,921
3.	2025-26	21,609*	9,309*	6,97,073#

   **Data till 31.10.2025. District-wise payment data from 01.11.2025 is not available with the Ministry due to the ongoing process at State level in implementation of APIs related to PMMVY onboarding on SNA-SPARSH system.*

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2. **Shakti Sadan-** Under the overarching 'Mission Shakti', erstwhile schemes of 'Swadhar Greh' - Home for women in difficult circumstances and 'Ujjawala'- Home for women rescued from Trafficking, have been merged w.e.f. 01.04.2022 and are now 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 women in such difficult situations, to enable them to overcome the adverse circumstances. Shakti Sadan is helpful towards support for women in distress, providing shelter and rehabilitation support including those affected of trafficking. The States/UTs assess their requirement as per local needs and proposals are approved every year 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. At present, 40 Shakti Sadans are functional in Karnataka.

3. **Sakhi Niwas-** The Sakhi Niwas Scheme (Working Women Hostel) under the overarching Mission Shakti, is a demand driven centrally sponsored scheme. The scheme aims to promote availability of safe and conveniently located accommodation for working women in urban, semi-urban and also in rural areas where employment opportunity for women exists and women undergoing job-related training. Provision of a Day Care Centre for the children of residents is an important component of the Scheme. At present, 57 Sakhi Niwas are operational in Karnataka, including 3 Sakhi Niwas in Ballari district and 26 beneficiaries are being benefited under the Scheme in Ballari district.
4. **Palna-** The Ministry introduced Anganwadi cum Creches (Palna) scheme w.e.f. 01 April 2022, for providing day care creche facilities in safe and secure environment to children (aged 06 months – 06 years) of all mothers irrespective of their employment status along with nutritional support, health and cognitive development of children, growth monitoring, immunization, education etc. Palna Scheme is implemented with the aim of expanding the outreach of crèches to ensure that women everywhere have the opportunity to work and do not drop out from workforce because of care responsibilities. Currently, 164 AWCCs are operational in Karnataka including 03 in Ballari district. Year wise details of beneficiaries in Ballari district of Karnataka are as under:

Financial Year	**FY 2024-25**	**FY 2025-26**
No. of Beneficiaries in Ballari district of Karnataka	**75**	**75**

5. **SANKALP: Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW)-** The SANKALP: HEW (Hub for Empowerment of Women) functions as a Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) for all components of Mission Shakti. It serves as a single window system to bridge the information and knowledge gap regarding schemes and facilities available for women as well as guide them to avail the benefits and entitlements. The SANKALP centres engage in widespread outreach and awareness, through organising awareness activities, camps and campaigns, in convergence with Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP). This approach improves awareness generation and access to government schemes by ensuring the dissemination of targeted IEC materials, organizing local awareness campaigns, and conducting gender sensitization programs across schools, colleges, and public forums. As on date, total 35 State SANKALP: HEWs and 742 District SANKALP: HEWs are functional, including one District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) each in Ballari and Vijayanagara districts. Year wise details of beneficiaries in Ballari and Vijayanagara district of Karnataka are as under:

Financial Year	**FY 2024-25**	**FY 2025-26**
No. of Beneficiaries in Ballari district of Karnataka	**362**	**0**
No. of Beneficiaries in Vijayanagara district of Karnataka	**85**	**1063**

Once in a year, the Programme Approval Board (PAB) monitors with States and UTs the progress of activities under the scheme and reviews status of achievement of objectives, effective delivery of services to women and children. Apart from this, officials of the Ministry continuously review the scheme through meetings, video conferencing and by making field visits to States/UTs from time to time.

Two third party evaluations of the schemes of the Ministry, including the Mission Shakti Umbrella Scheme have been conducted in 2020 and again in 2025 through NITI Aayog. The studies have found the relevance, effectiveness and sustainability of the scheme as satisfactory.

Mission Shakti is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme and overall implementation of the Scheme lies with the State Government and UT Administration. Funds are being released on the basis of guidelines of Department of Expenditure, prescribed for Single Nodal agency (SNA) or SNA SPARSH of the Public Financial Management System (PFMS).

Further, a number of steps and initiatives have been undertaken by the Government of India to strengthen the implementation of the PMMVY scheme and to expand coverage of the scheme across the country. Some of these are as under:

i. New portal for PMMVY, which is completely paperless was launched in March 2023. As per earlier Guideline, physical forms were required to be filled and uploaded in the earlier PMMVY-CAS portal for onward process. In new system, physical application forms have been eliminated and complete online solution has been given.
ii. Payments are through Adhaar Bridge Payment System [ABPS] as PMMVY portal is enabled for Aadhar-based biometric verification (by means of facial recognition) to confirm identity details of the applicants.
iii. All the mandatory provisions like Aadhaar verification, DBT enablement of bank account etc. are checked at the time of registration for faster processing.
iv. Search and Track Status for all enrolled beneficiaries to check the approval and payment status of their applications.
v. Grievance Lodging and status module for all citizens to lodge any PMMVY related grievance. The Module directly sends the grievance to the implementing authorities thus saving time and leads to swifter resolution.
vi. PMMVY toll-free and multi lingual helpline (1515) is available for PMMVY related enquiries and grievances. For transparency purposes, the Applicants/ beneficiaries receive SMS in one of the 12 languages at different stages such as registration of application, rejection of registration, payment etc.
vii. PMMVY Portal is LGD compliant till AWC level. LGD Seeding is introduced up to State/District/Block/ Village/GP/Ward level.
viii. Open API allows the freedom to share data with other Central and State Ministry/Department.
ix. MIS Data can be generated at State/ District/ Block/ Village/ Ward/ Project/ Sector/ Anganwadi level for detailed monitoring/ analysis.
x. PMMVY will be used by Anganwadi/ ASHA workers for data centric operations and viewing reports.

xi. Available database of the PW&LM from Poshan Tracker is used to create a "Due List" of potential beneficiaries on PMMVY Portal accessible at AWW/ASHA level.

Additionally, the Ministry of Women & Child Development conducts various awareness programs including those on Maternity Benefits through SANKALP-Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW) scheme for all States and UTs. It includes various Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) activities such as 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.

To strengthen digital monitoring, the Ministry has developed the Mission Shakti Dashboard for real-time monitoring and effective implementation of the Scheme. The Dashboard facilitates monitoring of beneficiaries assisted, services provided, infrastructure, activities and facilities at the District, State and National levels.

The Ministry has also undertaken measures to strengthen the capacity of Women Helpline and One Stop Centre functionaries through regular training, technical support and continuous handholding of States/UTs. Capacity building programmes have been organised with the support of NIMHANS, SPNIWCD and C-DAC, covering areas such as psycho-social counselling, gender sensitisation, ethical call management, case management, dashboard operations, referral mechanisms and convergence with various stakeholders. C-DAC also provides regional and hands-on training, technical support, dashboard support, troubleshooting and MIS/data analytics support to States/UTs.

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