

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 06.12.2010
ANSWERED ON
IMPLEMENTATION OF STEP IN ANDHRA PRADESH .

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Smt. Gundu Sudharani

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is implementing the Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP) in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the aims and objectives of the scheme;

(c) the details of training or employment opportunities provided to marginalized women in that State for making them self-reliant ; and

(d) how the above scheme is different from Swadhar and Ujjwala Schemes which are aimed at destitute women?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

(SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a)to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 379 FOR 06.12.2010 BY SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF STEP IN ANDHRA PRADESH

(a)to (c): Yes Sir.

The aims and objectives of the scheme are :

To mobilize women in small viable groups and giving them facilities like access to credit and other inputs. To provide training for skill up gradation. To enable groups of women to take up employment-cum-income generating programmes of their own, or to access wage employment. To provide support services for further improving and employment conditions of women and for access to health care, literacy, legal literacy, and other information.

The list of projects funded under STEP in Andhra Pradesh is at Annexure- I.

(d) : While the objectives of STEP scheme are to provide training for skill up gradation of marginalized and assetless women mobilizing them into groups to take up income generation activities, the Swadhar scheme aims to provide primary need of shelter, food, clothing and care to the marginalized women/girls living in difficult circumstances. The objectives of Ujjwala scheme are to prevent trafficking of women and children for commercial sexual exploitation through social mobilization, involvement of local communities and awareness generation programme. The schemes also provides for rescue and rehabilitation of trafficked women and their reintegration.