

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF RURAL WOMEN

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Economic Empowerment of Rural Women Scheme has been implemented in all the States;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the funds have not been allocated under the Scheme; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken to allocate/provide funds for implementation of the Scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a)&(b) No, Sir. The Department of Women and Child Development is implementing one World Bank and IFAD assisted "Swa-Shakti Project", also known as "Rural Women's Development and Empowerment Project", since October 1998 in six States, viz. Bihar, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Karnataka. The States were selected at the project formulation stage on the basis of certain criteria relating to general backwardness, women's backwardness, availability of non-governmental agencies for field-level implementation, the interest evinced by State Governments and external assistance available for the purpose.

(c) For the six selected project states requisite funds are being allocated on a continuous basis.

(d) In view of (c) above, question does not arise.