

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:363

ANSWERED ON:22.08.2006

SELF HELP GROUPS

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

- (a) the number of Self Help Groups (SHGs) functioning for the empowerment of women in various States, State-wise;
- (b) whether the SHGs have been successful in achieving the desired results;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the initiatives taken by the Government to universalize the SHG movement;
- (d) whether the Government regularly sends team to evaluate the performance of the SHGs;
- (e) if so, the details of the visits conducted by the Central teams during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (f) whether the Central teams have reported about the problems being faced by these SHGs; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f)&(g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMNT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f)&(g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 363 FOR 22.8.2006 BY SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN AND SHRI G.M. SIDDESWARA REGARDING SELF HELP GROUPS

(a) The State-wise number of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) formed for empowerment of women under the two programmes of the Ministry of Women and Child Development i.e., Swayamsidha and Swa-Shakti is enclosed at Annexure -1.

(b)& (c) Yes, Sir. A statement indicating the achievements under the schemes of the Ministry are enclosed at Annexure-II.

The Swa-Shakti Project approved by the Government of India for a period of six years only successfully culminated on 30-6- 2005. The ongoing scheme of Swayamsidha initially approved by the Government of India for the period 2000-2001 until 31-3-2006 has been extended up to 31-3-2007

(d)&(e) Under the Swa-Shakti Project, Supervision Missions comprising of World Bank representatives and Officers of the Central Unit of the Project visited the States twice each year till the end of the project. In addition, the Central Project Officers visited the projects in the States regularly to monitor and guide the project.

Under Swayamsidha, monitoring is done mainly through Quarterly progress reports and Quarterly review meetings.

Both the projects were evaluated by external agencies.

(f)&(g) Yes, Sir. The monitoring reports and evaluation reports indicated that the problems faced by SHGs pertain mainly to:

- a) Inadequate training inputs
- b) Release of funds at State level to project implementing agencies, and
- c) Marketing of SHG products.

The following action was taken to address the problems:

- a) Issues related to training were addressed by enhancing training inputs.
- b) In order to facilitate smooth flow of funds to the project implementing agencies, letters were addressed to States at various levels.

c) In order to address problems related to marketing of SHG products, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) on 9-9-2005 mainly for marketing of SHG products through the KVIC network.

Annexure-1

Number of Self Help Groups Formed

Sl.N O.	States	SHGs formed	
Swayamsidha	Swa-Shakti		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3874	-
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	263	-
3.	Assam	2400	-
4.	Bihar	6324	441
5.	Chattisgarh	1713	560
6.	Gujarat	2772	2706
7.	Himachal Pradesh	800	-
8.	Haryana	1300	1550
9.	J&K	1250	-
10.	Jharkhand	2427	1687
11.	Karnataka	2992	2149
12.	Kerala	2390	-
13.	Madhya Pradesh	3667	2462
14.	Maharashtra	3885	-
15.	Manipur	300	-
16.	Meghalaya	531	-
17.	Mizoram	301	-

18.	Nagaland	600	-
19.	Orissa	3600	-
20.	Punjab	1823	-
21.	Rajasthan	3000	-
22.	Sikkim	572	-
23.	Tamil Nadu	54	-
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24.	Tripura	327	-
25.	Uttar Pradesh	8466	5530
26.	Uttaranchal	1100	571
27.	West Bengal	5184	-
28.	A&N Island	149	-
29.	Delhi	175	-
30.	Lakshadweep	226	-
31.	Pondicherry	300	-
TOTAL	68,163	17,647	

Annexure -II

Achievement under the schemes of Ministry of Women and Child Development

Sl.	Component	Swayamsidha	Swa-sakthi
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No.

1. No. of SHGs formed 68,163 17,647

2. No. of Members 9,94,492 2,43,962

3. No. of Clusters formed 8216 1213

4. Amount saved 8663.20 2575.38

(Rs. in lakhs)

5. No. of SHGs inter-loaning 55649 16846

6. Amount inter-loaned 6387.96 6145.75

(Rs. in lakhs)

7. SHGs linked with Banks 61060 12256

8. Amount loaned by Banks 8653.18 3659.37

(Rs. in lakhs)

9. No. of SHGs linked with Government schemes 30,617 14,743

10. No. of Community Assets created 2540 1934