

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:240
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2006
RASHTRIYA MAHILA KOSH
Verma Shri Ravi Prakash

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

- (a) The total amount earmarked in the Tenth Five Year Plan period for the Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK);
- (b) The quantum of loan disbursed so far from the Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK) to women in the country during the said Plan;
- (c) Whether the Government has issued any fresh guidelines to States for the effective implementation of schemes under the Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK);
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) The achievements made in the improvement of living conditions of women after implementation of the schemes?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a),(b),(c),(d)&(e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 240 FOR 7.3.2006 BY SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA REGARDING RASHTRIYA MAHILA KOSH

(a) Rs. 148 crores has been earmarked for Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK) in the 10th Five Year Plan.

(b) Rashtriya Mahila Kosh has disbursed loan aggregating Rs.5,973.73 lakhs to NGOs and Government Organizations for lending to women beneficiaries from 1.4.2002 to 23.2.2006.

(c)&(d) In August, 2005 a request was made to all States/UTs to popularize the loan schemes of the Kosh. States were urged to avail of RMK loan to meet credit requirements of Self Help Groups formed under the Schemes of Swayamsidha and Swa-Shakti.

(e) As a result of implementation of schemes, Rashtriya Mahila Kosh has effected remarkable improvement in the status of women in the society, such as:

Improved economic and social status of women.

Increased participation of women in Panchayati Raj.

Lesser dependence upon moneylenders.

Increased confidence level among women.

Increased awareness about importance of schooling.

Better health care of family members.

Improvement in nutritional status.

Improved financial security as a result of easy access to credit.