

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING CENTRE FOR WOMEN

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

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from various States for setting up of various types of training centres exclusively for women in States particularly in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government; and

(c) the details of the other schemes formulated for the upliftment of women in the State?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Proposals were received from various State-based NGOs/Organisations/Corporations, etc., under Swawlamban (NORAD) Scheme, for providing training and skill upgradation to poor and needy women to facilitate them obtain employment or self-employment on a sustained basis. Consequent upon the transfer of Swawlamban (NORAD) Scheme to the States with effect from 1.4.2006, all the proposals pending with this Ministry have been returned to the States concerned for appropriate action.

(c) The following are the other Schemes already in operation for the upliftment of women:

(i) Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP): Aims at empowering poor women and promoting sustainable livelihood for them by upgrading their skills, encouraging self-employment, arranging for productive assets and support services, etc.

(ii) Swayamsiddha: Aims at the holistic empowerment of women through awareness generation and economic empowerment through formation of Self-Help Group (SHGs).

(iii) Swadhar: Aims at social and economic rehabilitation of women in difficult circumstances through education, awareness, skill upgradation, etc.

(iv) Working Women Hostels: Aims at providing safe and affordable accommodation to working women and women being trained for employment, etc.

(v) Short Stay Homes: Aims at providing temporary accommodation, maintenance and rehabilitative service to women rendered homeless due to family discord or crime.