

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

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PROBLEM REGARDING WIDOW

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

- (a) whether the Government has the details of widows in the country;
- (b) if not, whether Government proposes to conduct a survey to know the details;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to give them training to enable them to earn their livelihood and become self-dependent;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government also proposes any scheme for remarriage of young widows in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) The Registrar General of India conducts the largest demographic survey in the country which includes data on population composition by broad age groups, sex, marital status and the like which includes widows, separated & divorced women. The details are available on their website www.censusindia.gov.in.

(c)&(d) The Ministry of Women and Child Development is running Swadhar Scheme which is a shelter based scheme to cater the requirements of various types of women in distress in diverse situations including destitute widows. The package of services made available under the Scheme include provision for food, clothing, shelter, health care counseling and legal support, social and economic rehabilitation through education, awareness generation, skill up gradation and behavioral training. The details of Swadhar Scheme are available at the Ministry's website namely www.wcd.nic.in.

(e)&(f) The Ministry of Women and Child Development has no proposal for the remarriage of young widows in the country.