GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1858 ANSWERED ON:17.07.2009 RASHTRIYA MAHILA KOSH Gaddigoudar Shri P.C.

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

(a) the total amount earmarked for the Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK) in the country including Karnataka during each year of the Eleventh Five Year Plan period, State-wise ;

(b) the quantum of loan disbursed from the RMK during the said plan period, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposed to modify RMK;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which the RMK is helpful in the improvement of living conditions of women since its implementation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) There is no provision of yearly grant of budgetary support for RMK. RMK was given an initial corpus of Rupees 31 crore in the year 1993 i.e. the year of its inception. Government subsequently decided to increase its corpus from Rs. 31 crore to Rs. 100 crore. During Eleventh Five Year Plan period, a sum fo Rs.12 crore was released during 2007-08 and Rs.31 crore during 2008-09. The total principal corpus as on date is Rs. 84 crore. There is a budget provision of Rs. 20 crore during 2009-10.

(b) The information is furnished at Annexure-I.

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) The proposal for restructuring of RMK was included in the recommendations of the Committee of Governors, recommendations of the Group of Ministers and was announced as the decision of the Govt. in the Finance Minister's Interim Budget Speech. A Sub-Group has been formed in the Ministry to develop the concept and framework for restructuring of RMK with representatives from RBI, SIDBI, NABARAD, CAPART and Department of Banking, Ministry of Finance. The Sub-Group held its first meeting on 17.6.2009.

(e) The information is furnished at Annexure-II.