

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has started Priyadarshini Project for women in the country?
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the States including Karnataka selected for the purpose; and
- (c) the funds sanctioned, released and utilised by the State Governments during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam; Women's Empowerment and Livelihood programme in the Mid Gangetic Plains (Priyadarshini) is a pilot project for holistic empowerment of rural poor women and adolescent girls through sustained & improved livelihood opportunities by way of mobilizing them into viable Self Help Groups. Selected areas only of two states namely, Uttar Pradesh (four districts i.e. Shravasti, Bahraich, Sultanpur & Raibareilly) and Bihar (two districts i.e. Sitamarhi and Madhubani) are covered under the project. The project is being implemented through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). Therefore, no funds are required to be released to State Governments.