

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

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SWA SHAKTI PROJECT

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

- (a) whether Government has implemented Swa-Shakti Project for the empowerment of women in the country;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof alongwith the details of States in which the said project is being implemented;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether the project is funded by the Word Bank and International Fund for Agriculture Development;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the quantum of aid received for the purpose; and
- (f) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized under the said project during the above period, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The Swa-Shakti Project, implemented by the Government of India through Ministry of Women and Child Development, ended in June, 2005. The aims and objectives of this project were socio-economic development and empowerment of women through promotion of women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs), micro credit and income generation activities. The Project was implemented in the States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Utrakhand. Under this project, 17647 women's SHGs were formed covering 2.43 lakhs women upto the end of project in June 2005.

(d)& (e): The project was jointly funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and World Bank as under:

IFAD: Rs.4189 lakhs

World Bank: Rs.4347 lakhs

(f): State-wise details of funds released during last three years of the existence of the project are at Annex.