GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2742 ANSWERED ON:09.12.2011 REHABILITATION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN Pandey Saroj

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

(a) whether the Government has formulated any special action plan to rehabilitate livelihood of women and children left behind due to killing of their husbands/ fathers in terrorist or naxalite attacks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of such women and children likely to be benefitted therefrom, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH), an autonomous organisation of the Government under the Ministry of Home Affairs, provides financial assistance to the concerned Collectors/ Deputy Commissioners/District Magistrate for care, education and training for the children of families below poverty line rendered orphan or destitute due to communal, caste, ethnic or terrorist violence as per criterion laid down by Planning Commission.

Further, the Government, in the Ministry of Women and Child Development, is providing financial assistance since 2009-10, under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), to State Governments/UT Administrations for setting up and maintenance of Homes and Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs) set up under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 either by themselves or through voluntary organisations, for rehabilitation and re-integration of children in need of care and protection.

The Government, in the Ministry of Rural Development, is implementing Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) for BPL widows of age group of 40-59 years and Indira Gandhi Old Age Pension Scheme (IGOAPS) for BPL persons of 60 years and above.

The Government, in the Ministry of Women and Child Development, is also implementing Swadhar Greh Scheme for rehabilitation of women in difficult circumstances.

The targeted beneficiaries of the above Schemes also includes women and children left behind due to killing of their husbands/ fathers in terrorist or naxalite attacks.

(c): It is not feasible to anticipate the number of such women or children who would require support in future under these Schemes.