

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the schemes meant for women empowerment are reportedly starved for funds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether as per Mid-Term Appraisal of the Eleventh Five Year Plan only thirty-five per cent of the total Plan outlay has been allocated during the first three years of the Plan; and
- (d) if so, the extent to which the remaining portion of the funds has been spent during the last two years of the said Plan?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): The Government is implementing a number of schemes for women empowerment. Three major schemes for women empowerment launched recently by the Ministry of Women and Child Development are :

(i) Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls – SABLA, introduced initially on a pilot basis in 200 districts, aiming at an all-round development of adolescent girls of 11-18 years by making them self-reliant by facilitating access to learning, health and nutrition.

(ii) Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) – a Conditional Cash Transfer Scheme for pregnant and lactating (P&L) women to contribute to better enabling environment by providing cash incentives for improved health and nutrition. The beneficiaries are paid Rs.4000/- in three instalments per P&L woman between the second trimester and till the child attains the age of 6 months on fulfilling specific conditions.

(iii) National Mission for Empowerment of Women (NMEW) - was launched with a view to empowering women socially, economically and educationally. The Mission aims to achieve empowerment of women on all these fronts by securing convergence of schemes / programmes of different Ministries / Departments of Government of India as well as State Governments.

Funds are allotted for the schemes based on requirement and capacity of the implementing bodies to utilize the same. It is not correct to say that the Schemes are starved of funds.

(c) & (d): The funds allocated (RE) to the Ministry during the first three years were Rs. 21,193.00 crores, which were 37.3% of the Eleventh Plan outlay of Rs. 56,765.00 crores. Expenditure of Rs. 10,634.70 crores was incurred during 2010-11 and the RE for 2011-12 is Rs. 16,100.00 crores.