

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:416
ANSWERED ON:04.05.2012
SCHEME FOR WOMEN
Kishor Shri Kamal

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

- (a) the details of the programmes or schemes being implemented for the rehabilitation of poor, widows, destitute, divorcee and single women in the country and the nature of assistance extended thereby;
- (b) the funds sanctioned, released and utilized by the State Governments during the last three years and the current year, programme/scheme-wise;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries therefrom during the said period, State-wise; and
- (d) the assessment of the Government on the success achieved so far through implementation of those schemes?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 416 TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH MAY, 2012 ASKED BY SHRI KAMAL KISHOR "COMMANDO" REGARDING SCHEME FOR WOMEN

(a) The Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India has been implementing two shelter based schemes, namely, Swadhar and Short Stay Home for providing emergency outreach services to women in difficult circumstances who do not have societal/family support or independent means of income. Under these schemes free shelter, food, medical care, counseling etc. are being provided to the beneficiaries. Vocational training is imparted to the beneficiaries with a view to rehabilitate them.

(b) & (c): Under these schemes, funds are released directly to the implementing agencies which include State Government agencies and Non- Governmental Organisations (NGOs). The year-wise funds released under these schemes to the implementing agencies in various States and the number of women benefitted during the last three years is annexed.

(d) The schemes seek to improve the life of women who are in difficult circumstances thereby making them self reliant by providing vocational training. The scheme could benefit 35959 women in 2009-10 and 38241 and 40270 women during 2010-11 & 2011-12 respectively. Considering the positive impact of the schemes on the target group, Government has decided to merge both the schemes into "Swadhar Greh" scheme with better financial norms and extend the coverage to all the districts in the country during the 12th Five year Plan.