

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated schemes for empowerment of women in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said schemes have achieved the targeted/desired results during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The scheme "National Mission for Empowerment of Women" is being implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. It has the mandate to strengthen inter-sectoral convergence and facilitate the process of coordinating all the women's welfare and socio-economic development programmes across Ministries and Departments.

The economic empowerment of women as envisaged under the NMEW includes:

- I. Provision of skill training, technology transfer, technical support and promotion of market linkages.
- II. Giving women access to social programmes and leverage funds for asset creation, which would reduce drudgery, and give them access to clean drinking water, fuel and fodder.
- III. Provision of effective delivery system at the state, district and village level by strengthening delivery system through gender budgeting and preparation of gender sensitive programmes.

The other initiatives taken by the Mission are as under:

The State Resource Centre for Women (SRCW) under NMEW provides technical assistance, guidance, mentoring as also monitoring of the activities related to women. The SRCWs are mostly under State Women's Development Organization. The primary objective of SRCW is to work for holistic empowerment of women in the state cutting across sectors.

Poorna Shakti Kendra's (PSK) or Women Resource Centres as one stop centre for services to women were opened in 150 Gram Panchayats (GPs) to provide a platform/forum for women to come together, explore their potentials and possibilities, raise women's awareness about their contributions to society and their social, economic and political rights, and facilitate access to schemes and entitlements. The Mission is also implementing 11 thematic convergence projects on various issues affecting women including declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR), Access to Rights, Access to Sustainable livelihoods etc. in association with Partner Ministries including Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MOPR), Ministry of Law and Justice (MOLJ), International Agencies and Civil Society Organisations (CSO) since 18th August, 2012.

(c) & (d) So far 30 States have started SRCW to achieve empowerment of women and 21 PSKs are set up in the country. A sum of Rs.520.84 lakhs have been sanctioned for these SRCWs and Rs.308.98 lakhs have been sanctioned for these PSKs, since the inception of Mission.

(e) No, Madam.