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EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

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

- (a) the details of the schemes run by the Government for gender equality/ socioeconomic development/empowerment of women in the country particularly in rural and tribal areas and the achievements made as a result thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise;
- (b) whether the said schemes have achieved the desired results in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to launch any new scheme for further development/ empowerment of women in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has received any draft Bill from the National Commission for Women proposing to empower women on marital status;
- (e) if so, the salient features along with the present status of the said Bill; and
- (f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

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

(a) Ministry of Women & Child Development implements the Scheme "National Mission for Empowerment of Women (NMEW)" with a view to empower women socially and economically throughout the country, including rural and tribal areas. NMEW as a mission based approach towards gender equality was initiated as per recommendations of the Committee of Governors (COG) setup by the Hon'ble President of India to address socio economic development and empowerment of women at the Centre and in the States/UT Administrations. NMEW was made functional during the terminal year of the XI plan to bring about convergence across schemes and programmes with a gender focus. The Mission has the mandate to demonstrate convergence action across Ministries to address issues for overall development of women. The State Mission Authority (SMA), the apex body of the Mission in the State has been notified in almost all the States. The State Resource Center for Women (SRCW) has also been set up in the States.

(b) National Mission for Empowerment of Women has been able to achieve the desired result. The State level institutions of the Mission consist of the State Mission Authority (SMA) and State Resource Centre for Women (SRCW), which work in co-ordination with the Mission at the Centre. SMA has been notified by 32 States/UTs. As on date, 30 States/UTs (Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Daman & Diu, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Tripura, West Bengal, Jammu and Kashmir, Lakshadweep, Manipur, Tamil Nadu, Sikkim, Maharashtra, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh) have set up SRCWs.

Further, in order to extend the reach of the Mission, establishment of structures has also been envisaged as part of Poorna Shakti Kendra (PSK) projects. District Convergence Facilitation Centre (DCFC) and Village Level Facilitation Centres conceived to function as one stop center for services to women have been established in selected districts in the States of Rajasthan (Pali & Bundi), Andhra Pradesh (Medak), Assam (Kamrup), Bihar (Aurangabad), Daman & Diu (Daman & Diu), Chandigarh (Chandigarh), Gujarat (Sabarkanta), Madhya Pradesh (Dhar), Meghalaya (Jaintia Hills), Mizoram (Champai), Nagaland (Kohima), Jharkhand (West Singhbhum), Karnataka (Gulbarga), Tamil Nadu (Salem), Tripura (West Tripura), Himachal Pradesh (Solani), Haryana (Mewat), Uttar Pradesh (Kannauj), West Bengal (Malda) and Uttarakhand (Haridwar). Some of the tribal and rural areas fall under these PSKs.

(c) There is no such proposal.

(d) & (e): The National Commission for Women has not drafted any Bill proposing to empower women on marital status.

(f) NMEW scheme for empowerment of women is being further consolidated in the XIIth Five Year Plan.