

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
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Women Empowerment

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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/socio-economic development/empowerment of women in the country 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 schemes have achieved its envisaged objectives and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the hurdles/difficulties being faced by the implementing agencies in implementation of the said schemes across the country; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Women and Child Development is administering following schemes for gender equality/socio-economic development/empowerment of women :-

- i. Swadhar and Short Stay Homes to provide relief and rehabilitation to destitute women and women in distress.
- ii. Working Women Hostels for ensuring safe accommodation for working women away from their place of residence.
- iii. Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP) to ensure sustainable employment and income generation for marginalized and asset-less rural and urban poor women across the country.
- iv. Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK) extends micro-finance services to bring about the socio-economic upliftment of poor women.
- v. National Mission for Empowerment of Women (NMEW) has been set up with the aim to strengthen the overall processes that promote all-round Development of Women.
- vi. Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme for Children of Working Mothers (including single mother) provides day care facilities for running a crèche of 25 children in the age group 0-6 years from families having monthly income of less than Rs.12,000.
- vii. One Stop Centre to provide integrated support and assistance to women affected by violence.
- viii. Scheme for Universalisation of Women Helpline intended to provide 24 hours immediate and emergency response to women affected by violence.
- ix. Sabla scheme is being implemented for the holistic development of adolescent girls in the age group of 11-18 years.
- x. In order to strengthen the process of gender budgeting the Ministry of Women and Child Development has been undertaking various capacity building measures for the officials of the State Governments by organising training programmes/workshops regularly.

The evaluation study of certain scheme such as Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women, Swadhar, Short Stay Homes and Working Women Hostel reveals that these schemes have serving the purpose and indicate positive impact.

(c) & (d): The implementing agencies have not reported any difficulties in implementing these schemes.

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