

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing or proposes to implement any special scheme for development of women in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts in Jharkhand, particularly in Chatra, Latehar and Palamu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, scheme wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c): As informed by Ministry of Home Affairs, no such special scheme relating to development of women in Left Wing Extremism (LWE ) affected districts is being implemented. However, the Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing a scheme called "Support to Training and Employment Programme(STEP)` to ensure sustainable employment and income generation for marginalized and asset-less rural and urban poor women across the country including Left Wing Extremism (LWE ) affected districts. Ministry has also set up a Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK) as a society in 1993 to extends collateral free microcredit for livelihood support and asset creation to women in the unorganized sector. It channelizes microfinance through Intermediary Micro-finance Organisations (IMOs) working in different parts of the country.