

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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Women Journalists Workshop
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has recently organized All India Women Journalists Workshop in the country;
- b) if so, the details thereof indicating the participants therein from across the country, State/UT-wise therein;
- c) the funds allocated and spent in this regard; and
- d) the details of discussions held therein along with the benefits accrued thereby?

Answer

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

a) & b) Yes, All India Women Journalists Workshop was organized on 07.06.2016 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. List of Participants, State/UT-wise is enclosed at Annexure – I.

c) A sum of Rs. 1 crore was allocated by the Ministry of Finance for the said workshop. Details of expenditure incurred in this regard are enclosed at Annexure-II.

d) During the Workshop, a comprehensive presentation was made on schemes/programme/activities/interventions undertaken by the Ministry in the last two years. It was explained how for the first time the Ministry has been examining the issue of safety of women in a holistic manner and providing care and protection to the children in a comprehensive manner. It was highlighted during the workshop about the numerous 'firsts' of the Ministry including Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme, setting up of One Stop Centres for women in distress, Mahila e-Haat, panic button on mobiles, guidelines for matrimonial websites, 33% reservation for women in police force, gender champion scheme, unique initiative with railways for missing children, comprehensive adoption reforms, junk food guidelines, construction of shelter homes for widows and many more such initiatives.

An exhibition was also organized outside the venue showcasing the live monitoring system of Childline-Child Helpline 1098, and district level initiatives of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.

The Ministry of Commerce & Industry also made a presentation covering the achievements and new initiatives of the government during the last two years.

The women journalists highlighted various issues affecting the common man during their interaction with the Minister of Women and Child Development and the Minister of State for Commerce & Industry.

Women journalists were invited for an in-depth discussion about the Ministry's interventions for women and children. It is expected that after the workshop the journalists would definitely be well equipped to spread messages amongst target people about the policy/programme/interventions of the Ministry in empowering women and nurturing children. With the help of these journalists, the Ministry would be able to reach out in the remote area as well.
