

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

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

- (a) whether the benefits of 'Swadhar Scheme' are not adequately reaching/percolating to the intended beneficiaries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure proper and effective implementation of the said scheme?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Under the Swadhar Scheme, primary need of shelter, food, clothing and care are provided to the marginalized women/girls living in difficult circumstances who are without any social and economic support. Besides, vocational training for economic rehabilitation of women in Swadhar Home are provided. The scheme is mainly implemented through NGOs. At present 311 Swadhar Homes are functional across the country providing rehabilitation services to more than 17,000/- women who are in need. State/UT wise list of Swadhar Homes is at Annexure. An evaluation study was conducted through Centre for Market Research and Social Development, New Delhi in the year 2007 to assess the performance of the Swadhar Scheme, which among other things, observed that vocational training has helped the destitute women to a great extent as is evident from the fact that 65% women are rehabilitated by Swadhar Homes are working after leaving the Homes.

The Government takes up with the respective State Governments and UT administrations for inspection of the Homes and timely recommendation for release of grants to the implementing agencies to ensure proper and effective implementation of the scheme.