

covered in these discussions *inter alia* include effective implementation of safeguard for improving the condition of women in states, priority areas for research studies, seminar and conferences on issues of national and regional importance. The platforms of such meetings, conferences, seminars are utilized for augmenting the capacity of the National and State Commissions for Women; their Chairpersons and Members interact with various experts in diverse fields including law and gender study related areas.

One Stop Centres

2865. SHRI A.V.SWAMY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the One Stop Centres and the Help Lines for women in a State are meant to work in an integrated manner to provide access to integrated range of services including medical aid, police assistance, legal aid, counselling temporary shelter and more over all case management of women in distress;

(b) if so, the details related to the number of One Stop Centres and Help Lines working in an integrated manner; and

(c) whether any assessment of their performance was conducted and if so, the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ): (a) and (b) The Ministry is implementing Scheme for setting up One Stop Centre and Women Helpline since 1st April 2015 to support women affected by violence. The scheme aims to facilitate access to an integrated range of services including medical aid, police assistance, legal aid/case management, psycho-social counselling and temporary support services to women affected by violence. Under the scheme, the One Stop Centres are envisaged to be integrated with a Women Helpline as well as all existing helplines to provide a basic range of interventions. So far, One Stop Centres of Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Chandigarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Kerala, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh have been integrated with Women Helpline.

(c) An assessment of the performance of the functioning of the One Stop Centres was carried out by the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD). In the assessment report, it has emerged that the services of OSC are very useful and this will be the focal point for the women affected by violence to avail integrated services and recommended for further expansion of OSC in all districts.