

Mahila Shakti Kendra in Tamil Nadu

1906. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Ministry of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched Mahila Shakti Kendra Scheme in specific parts of the country;
- (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether any such Mahila Shakti Kendra has been set up in the State of Tamil Nadu particularly in the Tuticorin District;
- (d) if so, details thereof; and
- (e) if not, reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Government of India has approved a new scheme namely Mahila Shakti Kendra for implementation during 2017-18 upto 2019-20 to empower rural women through community participation. The Scheme is implemented with cost sharing ratio of 60:40 between Centre and States except for North East and Special Category States where the ratio is 90:10. The scheme is envisaged to work at various levels and at the national level (domain based knowledge support) and State level (State Resource Centre for Women) technical support to the respective Government on issues related to women is provided. Community engagement through College Student Volunteers is envisioned in 115 aspirational districts as part of the Block Level initiatives. Student volunteers are to play an instrumental role in awareness generation regarding various important Government schemes/programmes as well as social issues. District Level Centre for Women (DLCW) has also been envisaged for 640 districts to be covered in phased manner. These centres to serve as a link between village, block and State level in facilitating women centric schemes and also give foothold for Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme at the district level.

(c) to (e) In the State of Tamil Nadu, State Resource Centre for Women is functional "under Department of Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme, Government of Tamil Nadu. During FY 2017-18 and 2018-19, District level Centre for Women (DLCW) has been approved for 13 districts namely Cuddalore, Salem, Ariyalur, Dharmapuri, Namakkal, Perambalur, Viluppuram, Tiruvannamalai, Thiruvallur, Tiruchirappalli, Chennai, Virudhunagar and Ramnathapuram. Block level activities have

also been approved for the aspirational districts namely Virudhunagar and Ramnathapuram. Under Mahila Shakti Scheme, District Level Centre for Women is approved for all districts as per Census of India, 2011 including Tuticorin (Thoothukkudi) in the State of Tamil Nadu to be covered in a phased manner.

Sakhi Centres

1907. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has established Sakhi centres in the country for women affected by violence;

(b) whether any such centre has been opened in Kerala; and

(c) if so, the number of complaints registered and disposed of by such centres during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The Ministry is implementing Scheme for setting up One Stop Centre since 1st April, 2015 to support women-affected by violence. Under the scheme, it has been envisaged that One Stop Centre would be set up in every district across the country in phased manner. So far, 195 One Stop Centres are functional in the country to provide single window services such as medical aid, police assistance, legal aid/case management, psychosocial counseling and temporary shelter to women affected by violence.

Ministry has approved setting up of five One Stop Centres at Thiruvananthapuram, Thrissur, Mallapuram, Kannur, Wayanad districts of Kerala. So far, two One Stop Centres at Thiruvananthapuram and Thrissur are functional. The details of complaints registered and disposed off during last three years are as below:-

Districts	2017		2018	
	Received	Disposed off	Received	Disposed off
Thiruvananthapuram *	21	21	86	86
Thrissur**			18	18

* One Stop Center is functional from 30.06.2017

** One Stop Center is functional from 01.04.2018