

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYASABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1905
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2024

SHORTAGE OF SHELTERS AND CRISIS SUPPORT CENTRES FOR WOMEN

1905. MS. DOLA SEN:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is cognizant of the lack of shelters and crisis support centres for women, particularly in rural and underserved regions;
- (b) whether Government plan to expand the reach of the One-Stop Centres (OSCs) scheme beyond urban areas;
- (c) if so, the details of the measures taken along with a timeline, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has taken measures to address challenges of shortage of staff and fund at these centres; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

(a): The One Stop Centre (OSC) is a component of the Sambal vertical under the umbrella Mission Shakti. It provides integrated support and assistance under the one roof to women affected by violence and those in distress, both in private and public spaces. It provides services like medical aid, legal aid and advice, temporary shelter, police assistance and psycho-social counselling to needy women. As on date, out of the approved 878 One Stop Centres (OSCs), 802 OSCs are operational across the country and over 10.12 lakh women have been assisted till 31st October, 2024. Further, Shakti Sadan is a component of Samarthya vertical under Mission Shakti. It is an Integrated Relief and Rehabilitation Home for women in distress situations including trafficked women. It aims at creating a safe and enabling environment for the women in distress situations, to enable them to overcome the difficult circumstances. As on date, 404 Shakti Sadans are operational across the country and presently, 29,315 women have been supported/rehabilitated.

(b) & (c): As the OSC scheme is demand driven, the States and UTs are encouraged to set-up at least one OSC in each district and additional OSC(s) in those districts which have higher rate of crime against women or have bigger geographical area and those in aspirational districts.

(d) and (e):As per the Mission Shakti guidelines, the Central Government provides 100% financial assistance to States/ UTs for appointment/hiring 13 manpower resources per OSC. The overall implementation of the OSC scheme lies with the State Governments/UT Administrations.
