

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3409
ANSWERED ON 07.08.2026

AFTERCARE SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN

3409. DR. INDRA HANG SUBBA:

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

- (a) the details of the schemes and programmes being implemented by the Government to support children who has attained the age of 18 years and left Child Care Institutions (CCIs), including provisions for education, higher studies, skill development, employment, housing and financial assistance;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate a comprehensive aftercare and rehabilitation policy for such vulnerable young adults to facilitate their transition into independent living, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries who have received aftercare support under the relevant schemes during each of the last five years, State-wise including the number of beneficiaries from Sikkim; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to strengthen/expand aftercare support for children leaving CCIs on attaining the age of 18 years, if so, the details and timeline thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) & (d): The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing the Mission Vatsalya Scheme under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. The scheme, inter alia, provides for aftercare of children who have been in institutional care, in accordance with Section 2(5) read with Section 46 of the Act. These provisions mandate that children leaving Child Care Institutions (CCIs) on attaining the age of eighteen years are to be provided financial and other support to facilitate their reintegration into mainstream society.

Under Mission Vatsalya, aftercare support is extended to young persons above 18 years of age for a maximum period of three years (up to 21 years of age), which may be extended up to 23 years in exceptional cases or till the individual is suitably rehabilitated and mainstreamed, whichever is earlier.

Further, financial assistance of ₹4,000 per month per beneficiary is provided to Child Care Institutions/organisations/individuals engaged in aftercare services for implementing the Individual Aftercare Plan (IAP). This support is intended to meet basic needs such as food, clothing, healthcare, and shelter, as well as to facilitate age-appropriate education, vocational training, stipend, and other requirements of the young person.

The primary objective of aftercare services is to enhance the employability of such young persons by equipping them with necessary life skills and enabling their effective transition to independent living. In addition, State Governments and UT Administrations may supplement this support through convergence with other schemes relating to housing, higher education, skill development, youth affairs, social justice, tribal development, financial services, industries, etc.

The number of beneficiaries under Non-Institutional Care, including those supported under aftercare services of Mission Vatsalya during the last five years, including in the State of Sikkim is given at **Annexure**.

ANNEXURE**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTs (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3409 FOR ANSWER ON 07.08.2026 BY DR. INDRA HANG SUBBA REGARDING AFTERCARE SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN****THE NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES UNDER NON-INSTITUTIONAL CARE, INCLUDING THOSE SUPPORTED UNDER AFTERCARE SERVICES OF MISSION VATSALYA DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS, INCLUDING IN THE STATE OF SIKKIM**

S. No.	Name of States and UTs	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
1	Andhra Pradesh	144	9150	10000	14187	14187
2	Arunachal Pradesh	318	840	1719	1318	1318
3	Assam	434	858	1919	2400	2400
4	Bihar	1646	504	4001	6001	6001
5	Chhattisgarh	1250	288	1137	1550	1550
6	Goa	13	27	62	93	93
7	Gujarat	1438	506	450	472	466
8	Haryana	1042	5155	643	880	880
9	Himachal Pradesh	563	1347	1352	2028	2028
10	Jammu & Kashmir	979	1398	4024	5092	5092
11	Jharkhand	1125	3086	4629	6793	6793
12	Karnataka	1375	3875	12449	18673	18673
13	Kerala	322	1133	1455	2182	2182
14	Madhya Pradesh	2188	2377	13715	20572	20572
15	Maharashtra	1688	9844	21680	32520	32520
16	Manipur	729	1120	1288	1932	1932
17	Meghalaya	489	1028	1083	1285	1285
18	Mizoram	396	591	1516	2011	2011
19	Nagaland	521	752	779	789	789
20	Odisha	1375	1772	3697	5545	5545
21	Punjab	263	612	4150	2483	2483
22	Rajasthan	1438	239	933	475	359
23	Sikkim	188	323	460	427	427
24	Tamil Nadu	1521	2975	5411	8116	8116

25	Telangana	1563	6454	4858	7287	7287
26	Tripura	364	305	1373	2059	2059
27	Uttar Pradesh	3313	1766	10000	15000	15000
28	Uttarakhand	572	847	1817	1631	1631
29	West Bengal	1083	1670	2750	4125	4125
30	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	51	0	1	0	25
31	Chandigarh	67	199	309	350	350
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	155	519	984	929	815
33	Ladakh	0	29	411	482	482
34	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	20
35	NCT of Delhi	521	980	635	952	846
36	Puducherry	197	106	171	256	256
