

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UN-STARRED QUESTION No. 3317
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2026

SAMBAL AND SAMARTHYA COMPONENTS UNDER MISSION SHAKTI

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

- (a) the current status of implementation of Mission Shakti, including the projects/services operational under its Sambal and Samarthya components in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for implementation of the said Mission in the said State during the last five years;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries provided assistance through One Stop Centres, Women Helpline services and other women empowerment initiatives under the said Mission, district-wise including Kallakurichi Parliamentary Constituency;
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the challenges faced in implementation of said Mission, including availability of trained personnel, infrastructure gaps and awareness among women, particularly in rural and remote areas of the State; and
- (e) if so, the details of the steps being taken by the Government to enhance access to protection, rehabilitation, skill development and livelihood opportunities for women through this Mission in the said State?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) To (e) The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the country for the welfare of women and children, which are placed under three verticals, viz. (1) Mission Shakti, for safety, protection and empowerment of women; (2) Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 for improving nutrition & health indicators in the country; and (3) Mission Vatsalya, for protection and welfare of children in difficult circumstances.

The 'Mission Shakti' aims at strengthening interventions for women safety, security and empowerment. Mission Shakti comprises of two verticals 'Sambal' for safety and security of women and 'Samarthya' for empowerment of women.

The 'Sambal' has components of One Stop Centre (OSC), Women Helpline (WHL), Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) and Nari Adalat.

1. **One Stop Centre (OSC)** provides integrated and immediate support and assistance under one roof to women affected by violence and those in distress, both in private and public spaces all across the country. It provides services like medical aid, legal aid and advice, temporary shelter, police assistance and psycho-social counselling to needy women across the country. As on date, 991 One Stop Centres have been made operational across the country and since inception, i.e. 1st April, 2015 to 30th June, 2026, over 15.20 lakh women have been assisted through One Stop Centres across the country. As on date, 59 OSCs are operational in the State of Tamil Nadu; out of which one OSC is operational in Kallakurichi district and two OSCs are operational in Salem district, which have assisted over 1,82,957 women.
2. **Women Helpline (WHL-181)** provides 24-hour toll-free telecommunication services to support women in both emergency and non-emergency situations. It offers assistance to women affected by violence and provides information about government schemes and services. Since inception (1st April, 2015 to 30th June, 2026), over 1.04 crore women have been assisted through Women Helplines across the country. In the State of Tamil Nadu, WHL has assisted over 2,59,509 women till 30th June, 2026.
3. **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao** helps to address Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and related issues of empowerment of girls and women. The scheme tries to create mindset and behavioural changes towards the girl child by informing, influencing, motivating, engaging, and empowering various stakeholders. BBBP has transformed from a policy initiative into a national movement by mobilizing various stakeholders, including government agencies, media, civil society, and the public at large. As per latest reports of Health Management Information System (HMIS) of Ministry of Health & Family welfare (MoHFW), the Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) is showing improving trends and has increased from 918 to 929 at national level during 2014-15 to 2025-26 (provisional). In the State of Tamil Nadu, the Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) has increased from 917 to 937 during 2014-15 to 2025-26 (provisional).

As per UDISE data of Ministry of Education, Gross enrolment ratio of girls in the schools at secondary level has increased from 75.51% in 2014-15 to 83.4% in 2025-26. In the State of Tamil Nadu, the Gross enrolment ratio of girls in the schools at secondary level has increased from 93.82% in 2014-15 to 99.6% in 2025-26.

4. **Nari Adalat scheme** provides a platform for alternative grievance redressal for women at the gram panchayat level. The Adalats are mandated to help women in distress at the panchayat level in resolving smaller issues relating to domestic violence, and other gender-based violence by negotiation, mediation, and reconciliation with mutual consent for accessible justice.

The scheme is demand driven and piloted in 50 Gram Panchayats each in the State of Assam and the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir in FY 2023-24. In the State of Bihar, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh, Nari Adalat is operational in

10 Gram Panchayats in each State. In FY 2025-26, 10 Gram Panchayats each in 4 States of Goa, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttarakhand and 5 Gram Panchayats each in the UTs of Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu and Andaman & Nicobar Islands has also been approved for operationalization of Nari Adalat.

The 'Samarthya' has components of Shakti Sadan, Sakhi Niwas, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), Palna and SANKALP: Hub for Empowerment of Women (SANKALP: HEW).

1. **Shakti Sadan:** Under the overarching 'Mission Shakti', erstwhile schemes of 'Swadhar Greh' – Home for women in difficult circumstances and 'Ujjawala' - Home for women rescued from Trafficking, have been merged w.e.f. 01.04.2022 and are now known as 'Shakti Sadan Scheme', which is an Integrated Relief and Rehabilitation Home for women in distressful situations including trafficked women. It aims at creating a safe and enabling environment for women in such difficult situations, to enable them to overcome the adverse circumstances. Shakti Sadan is helpful towards support for women in distress, providing shelter and rehabilitation support including those affected of trafficking.

Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided for running of Shakti Sadan in rented premises. At present, 46 Shakti Sadans are functional in the State of Tamil Nadu benefiting around 2050 beneficiaries. There are 02 Shakti Sadans operational in Kallakurichi district of Tamil Nadu.

2. **Sakhi Niwas:** Sakhi Niwas Scheme (Working Women Hostel) under the overarching Mission Shakti, aims to promote availability of safe and conveniently located accommodation for working women in urban, semi-urban and also in rural areas where employment opportunity for women exists and women undergoing job-related training. Provision of a Day Care Centre for the children of residents is an important component of the Scheme. At present, 59 Sakhi Niwas are operational in Tamil Nadu, benefiting around 3,341 women.
3. **Palna:** The Ministry introduced Palna Scheme w.e.f. 01 April 2022, for providing day care creche facilities in safe and secure environment to children (aged 06 months – 06 years) of all mothers irrespective of their employment status along with nutritional support, health and cognitive development of children, growth monitoring, immunization, education etc. State Government of Tamil Nadu has intimated that Standalone creches were operational till March, 2025 and AWCCs are not operational under Palna Scheme.
4. **PMMVY:** The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) w.e.f. 01.01.2017 across 35 States and UTs in the country including Tamil Nadu (excluding Telangana, which is under process of onboarding on the PMMVY portal). PMMVY is a Centrally Sponsored Maternity Benefit Scheme under which cash incentives of ₹5,000/- is provided directly to the Bank/ Post Office account of the beneficiary in Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode for first child. The eligible beneficiaries receive the remaining cash incentive, as per approved norms towards maternity benefit under Janani Suraksha Yojana after institutional delivery, so that on an average a woman gets ₹6,000/-. Cash incentive of ₹6,000/- is also provided under PMMVY to eligible beneficiaries for second child subject to the second child being a girl.

Benefits amounting to Rs. 1,135.63 crores have been extended to approximately 22.23 lakh women in the State of Tamil Nadu through this scheme since inception of the scheme (01.01.2017) till 31.07.2026. The details of the beneficiaries paid under the PMMVY Scheme in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last 5 Financial years is as below:

S. No.	Financial Year	Beneficiaries paid
1.	2021-22	1,78,547
2.	2022-23	1,35,752
3.	2023-24	2,86,823
4.	2024-25	5,50,556
5.	2025-26	5,03,289*

**Due to ongoing process at States and UTs level in implementation of APIs related to PMMVY onboarding on SNA-SPARSH system, the beneficiary payment data (for FY 2025-26) is only an estimate based on data from PFMS portal*

The district-wise details of the beneficiaries paid under the PMMVY Scheme during the last 5 Financial Years in the State of Tamil Nadu (including Kallakurichi and Salem districts of the Kallakurichi Parliamentary Constituency) is at **Annexure-I**.

5. **SANKALP: HEW:** The SANKALP: HEW (Hub for Empowerment of Women) functions as a Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) for all components of Mission Shakti. It serves as a single window system to bridge the information and knowledge gap regarding schemes and facilities available for women as well as guide them to avail the benefits and entitlements.

As on date, total 35 State SANKALP: HEWs and 742 District SANKALP: HEWs are functional, including one District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) each in the Kallakurichi and Salem districts of the Kallakurichi Parliamentary Constituency. Further, 2,14,145 women have been assisted in the State of Tamil Nadu since FY 2024-25.

Mission Shakti is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme and implementation of this scheme lies with the State Governments and UT Administrations. Funds are being released on the basis of guidelines of Department of Expenditure, prescribed for Single Nodal agency (SNA) or SNA SPARSH of the Public Financial Management System (PFMS). The details of funds released/ expenditure in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last five years under Mission Shakti is at **Annexure-II**.

Once in a year, the Programme Approval Board (PAB) monitors with States and UTs, the progress of activities under the scheme and reviews status of achievement of objectives and effective delivery of services to women and children. Apart from this, officials of the Ministry continuously review the scheme through meetings, video conferencing and by making field visits to States and UTs from time to time. Further, to strengthen digital monitoring, the Ministry has developed the Mission Shakti Dashboard for real-time monitoring and effective implementation of the Scheme. The Dashboard facilitates monitoring of beneficiaries assisted, services provided, infrastructure, activities and facilities at the District, State and National levels.

Two third party evaluations of the schemes of the Ministry, including the Mission Shakti Umbrella Scheme have been conducted in 2020 and again in 2025 through NITI Aayog. The studies have found the relevance, effectiveness and sustainability of the scheme as satisfactory.

The Ministry has also undertaken measures to strengthen the capacity of Women Helpline and One Stop Centre functionaries through regular training, technical support and continuous handholding of States/UTs. Capacity building programmes have been organised with the support of NIMHANS, SPNIWCD and C-DAC, covering areas such as psycho-social counselling, gender sensitisation, ethical call management, case management, dashboard operations, referral mechanisms and convergence with various stakeholders. C-DAC also provides regional and hands-on training, technical support, dashboard support, troubleshooting and MIS/data analytics support to States/UTs.

Several steps have been undertaken by the Government of India to strengthen the implementation and awareness of the PMMVY scheme across the country. Some of these are as under:

- i. New portal for PMMVY, which is completely paperless was launched in March 2023. As per earlier Guideline, physical forms were required to be filled and uploaded in the earlier PMMVY-CAS portal for onward process. In new system, physical application forms have been eliminated and complete online solution has been given.
- ii. Payments are through Aadhaar Bridge Payment System [ABPS] as PMMVY portal is enabled for Aadhaar-based biometric verification (by means of facial recognition) to confirm identity details of the applicants.
- iii. All the mandatory provisions like Aadhaar verification, DBT enablement of bank account etc. are checked at the time of registration for faster processing.
- iv. Search and Track Status for all enrolled beneficiaries to check the approval and payment status of their applications.
- v. Grievance Lodging and status module for all citizens to lodge any PMMVY related grievance. The Module directly sends the grievance to the implementing authorities thus saving time and leads to swifter resolution.
- vi. PMMVY toll-free and multi lingual helpline (1515) is available for PMMVY related enquiries and grievances. For transparency purposes, the Applicants/ beneficiaries receive SMS in one of the 12 languages at different stages such as registration of application, rejection of registration, payment etc.
- vii. PMMVY Portal is LGD compliant till AWC level. LGD Seeding is introduced up to State/District/Block/ Village/GP/Ward level.
- viii. Open API allows the freedom to share data with other Central and State Ministry/Department.
- ix. MIS Data can be generated at State/ District/ Block/ Village/ Ward/ Project/ Sector/ Anganwadi level for detailed monitoring/ analysis.
- x. PMMVY will be used by Anganwadi/ ASHA workers for data centric operations and viewing reports.
- xi. Available database of the PW&LM from Poshan Tracker is used to create a “Due List” of potential beneficiaries on PMMVY Portal accessible at AWW/ASHA level.

Additionally, the Ministry of Women & Child Development conducts various awareness programs including those on Maternity Benefits through SANKALP: HEW scheme for all States and UTs. It includes various Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and Behavior Change Communication (BCC) activities such as Prabhat Pheri, Nukkad Natak,

Newspaper Advertisements, Airing Radio Jingles, Selfie Campaign, Door to Door Campaign, Community Programmes which are conducted at field functionary levels. Further, the Ministry also runs special campaign for registration of eligible beneficiaries in all the States and UTs under PMMVY on a periodic basis.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO PART (A) TO (E) OF THE LOK SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 3317 FOR ANSWER ON 07.08.2026 REGARDING "SAMBAL AND SAMARTHYA COMPONENTS UNDER MISSION SHAKTI"

Number of beneficiaries paid under the PMMVY Scheme during the last 5 Years

S. No.	Name of District	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26[^]
1	ARIYALUR	2,379	2,094	4,064	8,674	5,447
2	CHENGALPATTU	-	-	8,062	2,937	10,511
3	CHENNAI	13,461	7,731	11,480	34,478	25,416
4	COIMBATORE	9,492	7,039	18,373	36,652	24,426
5	CUDDALORE	7,259	5,933	12,444	25,400	13,130
6	DHARMAPURI	3,646	2,881	7,379	16,152	12,199
7	DINDIGUL	5,161	2,376	10,119	18,434	13,940
8	ERODE	4,491	3,116	4,508	19,183	11,403
9	KALLAKURICHI	-	-	6,404	2,237	5,124
10	KANCHIPURAM	9,508	7,204	5,096	20,863	17,714
11	KANNIYAKUMARI	3,888	2,232	7,276	11,394	8,856
12	KARUR	2,497	1,216	5,064	10,646	6,074
13	KRISHNAGIRI	4,741	4,290	8,250	16,328	11,045
14	MADURAI	10,405	6,132	14,647	24,248	22,208
15	MAYILADUTHURAI	-	-	4,560	891	3,352
16	NAGAPATTINAM	3,569	3,658	2,097	7,693	8,122
17	NAMAKKAL	4,016	2,863	6,479	16,677	9,465
18	PERAMBALUR	1,736	1,169	2,802	6,190	3,133
19	PUDUKKOTTAI	4,317	3,866	8,741	16,563	10,581
20	RAMANATHAPURAM	3,861	2,087	6,012	11,283	7,478
21	RANIPET	-	-	3,698	1,784	2,945
22	SALEM	8,621	6,702	15,899	26,064	23,487
23	SIVAGANGA	3,496	2,252	7,097	10,034	10,974
24	TENKASI	-	-	5,848	1,496	5,643
25	THANJAVUR	4,083	5,349	6,376	14,539	15,277
26	THE NILGIRIS	1,285	999	1,949	4,192	2,124
27	THENI	3,135	2,902	5,431	5,464	6,536
28	THIRUVALLUR	6,778	5,316	9,480	18,330	14,809
29	THIRUVARUR	2,731	2,728	6,116	10,421	7,243
30	TIRUCHIRAPPALLI	7,154	5,036	11,143	22,743	20,583
31	TIRUNELVELI	6,775	4,775	6,274	19,483	19,611
32	TIRUPATHUR	-	-	5,467	1,464	4,292
33	TIRUPPUR	5,848	5,033	9,178	21,914	13,779
34	TIRUVANNAMALAI	6,415	4,982	11,293	14,353	12,210
35	TUTICORIN	3,815	3,090	5,208	9,288	7,773

36	VELLORE	10,126	7,994	5,393	24,497	21,483
37	VILLUPURAM	9,193	8,310	9,039	22,188	17,958
38	VIRUDHUNAGAR	4,665	4,397	8,077	15,379	8,291

^Data till 04.12.2025. District-wise payment data from 05.12.2025 is not available with the Ministry due to the ongoing process at State level in implementation of APIs related to PMMVY onboarding on SNA-SPARSH system.

Annexure-II**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO PART (A) TO (E) OF THE LOK SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 3317 FOR ANSWER ON 07.08.2026 REGARDING "SAMBAL AND SAMARTHYA COMPONENTS UNDER MISSION SHAKTI"**

Details of funds released/ expenditure in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last five years under Mission Shakti:

(Rupees in Crores)

Sl. No.	Scheme	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	OSC	5.20	6.97	11.59	10.60	18.32
2	WHL	0.51	0.46	0.49	0.02	0.38
3	BBBP	2.40	7.60	8.03	0.00	10.91
4	PMMVY	35.02	68.03	NIL	95.62	109.58
5	Shakti Sadan	0.00	0.00	15.17	11.54	13.00
6	Sakhi Niwas	12.04	17.63	4.52	8.14	6.93
7	Palna	0.00	2.83	1.74	5.88	2.14
8	SANKALP: HEW	0.00*	3.05	7.47	0.11	6.76

*SANKALP: HEW was introduced w.e.f. 01.04.2022.
