

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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REHABILITATION PACKAGE FOR POOR AND HELPLESS WIDOWS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government have prepared a rehabilitation package for poor and helpless widows of religious cities of North India;
- (b) if so, the complete details of the package; and
- (c) the achievements of the package till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA)

(a), (b) & (c) The Government has launched a Scheme called Swadhar which seeks to rehabilitate the women in difficult circumstances including widows left uncared near religious places by a shelter based holistic and integrated approach. The components covered include shelter, food, counseling, medical and legal support, training for the economic rehabilitation of women and helpline facilities. Out of 22 projects sanctioned under Swadhar Scheme so far, two projects have been sanctioned specially for widows left uncared at Vrindavan.