

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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CLOSING OF SHELTER HOMES FOR DESTITUTE WOMEN

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

- (a) whether the shelter homes set up for destitute women have been closed in recent times;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Ministry will take appropriate measures to restart these Houses and also to check closure, if any, of these homes in other parts of the country;
- (d) whether implementation agencies are facing problems in maintaining these shelter homes; and
- (e) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to address these problems?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) One Swadhar Shelter Home run by Universal Social Health Association at Shimla in Himachal Pradesh has been closed on account of non-receipt of requisite documents from the organization and State Government for processing of further release of funds to the organization.

(c) Restart of said home would depend upon the organization's willingness and receipt of requisite documents for release of further funds. State Governments have been requested to carry out survey to identify Swadhar Shelter Homes which are on the verge of closure and to take pre-emptive remedial action to prevent closure.

(d)&(e) Adequate funds are being provided under Swadhar Scheme to implementing agencies for maintaining shelter homes. State Governments have been requested to take specific remedial steps with regard to the problems being faced by the implementing agencies so as to enable them to implement the programme in an effective manner.