

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

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COMMITTEE ON SELF HELP GROUP FOR WOMEN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received requests from NGOs/women's groups to set up a Committee on the statute of Self Help Group to address that social, economic and potential rights of women;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the participation in Self Help Group has enabled women to gain access to credit in crisis and consumption related needs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)&(d) Yes, Sir. Under the Swayamsiddha scheme of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, regular saving habit of the Self Help Group (SHG) members provides an opportunity to avail emergency loans as and when required. The Rashtriya Mahila Kosh also grants loans to SHGs through NGOs and other agencies inter-alia for taking care of the crisis and consumption related needs of poor women.

As on March 2006, 55,649 SHGs under the scheme of Swayamsiddha are giving loan to SHG members for consumption purpose and other needs. 55,800 SHGs have benefited from RMK loan as on date.