

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR POOR WIDOWS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of welfare schemes presently implemented by the Government for helpless poor widows in the country;
- (b) whether it is proposed to further extend the facilities in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (c) The Ministry has been implementing a General Grant-in-Aid Scheme under which Central Assistance has been released for Rehabilitation of Widows to some States. The Ministry of Women and Child Development are also having a Scheme 'Swadhar' for providing shelter based holistic and integrated services to women in difficult circumstances including widows.