

Shakti Sadan Scheme

The Ministry of Women and Child Development was implementing the schemes of Swadhar Greh for Women in difficult circumstances and Ujjawala for Prevention of Trafficking. Both the schemes were aimed at creating a safe and enabling environment for the women in distress including trafficked women and thereby give them the strength to overcome their difficult circumstances and make a fresh start. For administrative purposes, Swadhar and Ujjawala Scheme have been merged and these will be known as 'Shakti Sadan' - Integrated Relief and Rehabilitation Home. However, States/ UTs will have the option of running the facility for various categories of women either in a single building or separate buildings within same premises. Further, the States / UTs may set up homes for mentally challenged / DIVYANG women in convergence with the schemes of Department of Social Justice & Empowerment and Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disability.

The proposals for new homes from the States/ UTs only will be considered for financial assistance. No funding support for construction of new homes will be provided. The cost of running such as administrative/ management cost including rental will be provided. Further, all existing Homes currently being run/ operated by NGOs [Homes not set up by the State/UT Governments] will be permitted to run till 31-3-2024 giving sufficient time to States/ UTs to get these integrated into the new scheme. No request for extension of time limit will be entertained.

The residents of Shakti Sadan will be provided with shelter, food, clothing, primary health facilities and other essential daily need items. Residents will be facilitated for opening Bank Accounts in their names in which an amount of Rs. 500 per month per resident shall be deposited, which cannot be withdrawn by the account holders during their stay in the home. However, if the resident is willing to avail the benefits for PM Jeewan Jyoti Bima Yojana and/ or PM Suraksha Bima Yojana, payment of premium can be made out of the aforementioned amount. The amount deposited along with accrued interest can be utilised as seed money by the beneficiary for beginning her life/ career afresh after she leaves the home. Vocational training and social security benefits (including medical benefit under Ayushman Bharat Yojana or similar schemes, Disability Pension) etc. shall be arranged for the residents of homes in convergence with the relevant departments. Their special needs, if any, will also be taken care of. For other services like psycho-social counselling, legal aid, there shall be a common pool of persons under overall charge of OSC.

The facilities at these centres could also be availed by the children accompanying women in the above categories. Unmarried girls of any age and boys up to the age of 12 years would be allowed to stay in Shakti Sadans with their mothers. (Boys of more than 12 years of age will be shifted to the Children Homes run under JJ Act/Integrated Child Protection Scheme or ICPS). Women affected by domestic violence, who need care and protection for a short term, would be serviced by One Stop Centres first. If required, she could stay there up to five days. However, for long term stay requirement such women and the victims of trafficking or 18 distressed or destitute women, will be referred to Shakti Sadan

where they can stay up to a maximum period of 3 years. Extension for stay in Shakti Sadan beyond 3 years can be granted on need basis by the concerned District Magistrate. However, the older women above the 55 years of age can be accommodated for maximum period of 5 years after which they will have to be shifted to old age homes or other similar institutions.

The Shakti Sadan and One Stop Centres will work in close coordination with the Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs)/ Women Help Desks (WHDs) in Police Stations by utilising the network of NGOs, Women's Groups, Youth Groups, Panchayat, Hotels & tour operators and other stakeholders to gather information on traffickers, suspicious people and vulnerable families and prevent/ rescue the victims and also help them in initial documentation and registration of FIR. They will also apply to the designated Magistrates or SDMs and Child Welfare Committee (CWC) for the rescue of women and children respectively from places of exploitation.

Following services would be provided to all women in distress including trafficked women and children:

- i. Basic necessities such as food, clothing and other items of personal use as detailed in Annexure I.
- ii. Legal Service: The legal assistance requirements of the beneficiaries shall be met through the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA). In case, such assistance is not available from DLSA, the implementing organization will arrange alternative suitable legal assistance to claim their right to property, marital rights, divorce, maintenance and custody of children etc.
- iii. Medical Facilities: First aid facilities shall be available within the Centres. However, Health Check-up and medical facilities will be provided through the district hospital/health and wellness centre/ CHC/PHC. Further, implementing organizations should engage a part time doctor for the Centre who should visit the Centre at least once in a week to ensure general health check-up of the residents and also to attend to any emergency situation. Expenditure towards purchase of medicines prescribed by the doctor will be met through management cost.
- iv. Counselling: The common pool of counsellors proposed under the umbrella scheme under overall charge of OSC will provide psycho-social counselling to the women.
- v. Education: As a large proportion of the rescued victims may be children and/ or illiterate or less educated women, they would need to be inducted in to the formal or 19 open school system, for which some expenditure on text-books, notebooks, stationary, school uniform and other incidental expenses may have to be incurred. Arrangements should be made for e-learning and Open Schools by the concerned department. Any requirement for gadgets / equipment like computers, TV sets, internet connection for the purpose shall be provided as per the norms.

- vi. Vocational Training: Arrangement would be made by the implementing organization for providing vocational training/ skill development classes to the women through the Vocational Training Institutes recognized by the Directorate General of Employment and Training under the Ministry of Labour and Employment/ Training Partners of National Skill Development Council (NSDC). Training and examination fee, if not provided under any other scheme/ programmes of the Central/ State Government, would be reimbursed on submission of the certificate issued by the vocational training institute on successful completion of training. The expenditure incurred by the organization on the transportation of residents in course of vocational training etc., if not funded through other sources, will be met from the contingencies head. Micro Credit will be facilitated through SIDBI, Mudra and other relevant schemes of Central/State government in case residents want to start small-scale industry/ business.

2. **Anti Human Trafficking Units:** The Reintegration and Repatriation of the victims of trafficking and of commercial sexual exploitation will be facilitated through the Anti Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) set up in the districts. However, the Shakti Sadan will provide the following services to facilitate reintegration and repatriation:

- i. Setting up of Half-Way Home - Half-Way Home is a Home within the community, where a group of victims, ready for reintegration, live and work out of this place. This is to facilitate a smooth transition from life in the Rehabilitation Centre to independent living in the community. A Half-Way Home is for a group of victims who are gainfully employed and can live semi-independently with minimum supervision. This is a phased approach to reintegration into the community.
- ii. Restoration to Families - The scheme will cover travel of the victim and one person assisting the victim from the destination area to her home town/village, expenses incurred towards her food during her travel and incidental expenses.
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- iii. Facilitate cross border repatriation procedures - The scheme would provide for expenses incurred in fulfilling various formalities for obtaining a repatriation order for the victim.
- iv. Repatriation to country of origin - The scheme would cover travel of the cross-border victim and an escort from the destination area to her country of origin or border, expenses incurred towards her food during her travel and incidental expenses.

3. Home for Widows: The home for widows has been fully funded by Government of India, Ministry of Women and Child Development to accommodate 1000 widows to provide the widows a safe and secure place of stay, health services, nutritious food, legal and counselling services has been established. The scheme HOME FOR WIDOWS (Central Sector Component of Umbrella Scheme for protection and Empowerment for Women) was approved in the Standing Finance Committee meeting held on 29.05.2018. The design of the Home is also old age friendly. The Home consists of ground plus three floors with the facilities of ramp, lifts, supply of adequate electricity, water and other amenities for meeting requirements of senior citizens and persons with special challenges. This Home is the largest shelter home for widows in the country and was inaugurated on 31.08. 2018. Any pending liabilities under the scheme shall be met out of budget allocation under the Shakti Sadan component of Samarthyaa sub-scheme.

4. Details of Basic Facilities in Shakti Sadan:

S. No.	Facilities/amenities to be provided	Frequency/details
1.	Food	Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon refreshment and Dinner
2.	Clothing	Once in a year
3.	Medical Aid	Health Check-up once a week by visiting doctor. Otherwise on need basis.
4.	Sanitary Napkin	On need basis subject to maximum 10 resident per month
5.	Pocket Money	As per Scheme Guidelines
6.	Recreational activities	As per Scheme Guidelines
7.	Vocational training under NCVT approved plan	Need basis
8.	Legal Aid	Need basis
9.	Psycho-social Counselling	Need basis
10.	Toiletries	Need basis
11.	PM Jan Dhan Yojana Bank Account	To be arranged through Local Bank
12.	Ayushmann Bharat Health Card	To be arranged through Health Department
13.	Education	E-learning and Open Schooling to be arranged in consultation with Department of Education.

5. Ideal Structure of Manpower and their qualification under Shakti Sadan:

Shakti Sadan (50 residents)	No. of Staff	Qualifications
Resident Superintendent	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any woman having a Master in Law /Social Work /Sociology/Social Science/ Psychology with at least 5 years' experience of working on women related relevant domains in an administrative set-up with a Government or Non- Government project/ programme and preferably with at least 1-year experience of counselling either within or outside the same set-up. She should be preferably a resident of the local community so that local human resource and expertise is utilised for effective functioning of the centre.
Office Assistant	1	The services could be outsourced to any person who is a graduate with a minimum of 3 years' experience in handling office documentation related job with proficiency in working on computers, at state or district level with government or non-governmental organizations.
Multi-purpose Staff	2	The multi-purpose activity could be outsourced to any person who is literate with knowledge / experience of working in the relevant domain.
Cook	2	The activity could be outsourced to any person who is literate with knowledge / experience of working in the relevant domain. High School pass or equivalent will be preferred.
Security Guard / Night Guard	3	The services could be outsourced to any person having at least 2 years' experience of working as security personnel in a government or reputed organization at the district/ state level. He/she should preferably be retired military/para-military personnel.

6. Component-wise Annual Ceiling of funds and the number of Units to be taken up during the 15th Finance Commission Cycle:

Shakti Sadan								
A	Recurring				15	20	25	40
1.	Shakti Sadan Management	1284000	467	467	482	497	522	562
2.	Shakti Sadan Rent for 1000 sqm 6.5 Lakhs for A City	650000		20	21	22	23	25
	Shakti Sadan Rent for 1000 sqm 4.50 Lakhs for B City	450000		43	45	47	49	53
	Shakti Sadan Rent for 1000 sqm 4.50 Lakhs for C City	300000		404	416	428	450	484
3.	5300 per month resident (50 Residents) including health Insurance	3000000	467	467	482	497	522	562
4.	Administrative@ 15000 pm	180000	467	467	482	497	522	562
5.	Jan dhan (@500 per resident) (50 Residents)	300000	467	467	482	497	522	562
6.	Rescue, Repartition, Reintegration, Reward for trafficked	250000	467	467	482	497	522	562