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Ministry of Women and Child Development

Mahila Sashaktikaran Scheme

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Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK) Scheme, under Ministry of Women and Child Development, was approved in November 2017 as a centrally sponsored scheme, to empower rural women through community participation. Under the Scheme, Capacity Building of Women Collectives is envisaged in not more than 50% of the MSK blocks in 115 aspirational districts to address the livelihood needs of the women particularly those in remote/vulnerable areas where women are not in a position to move out from their immediate surroundings for formal skill training. This component is to be implemented in collaboration of NGO's/ Cooperative Societies/ KrishiVigyanKendras.

Ministry of Women & Child Development has released funds (central share) for three aspirational districts in Andhra Pradesh namely Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam and YSR Kadapa for undertaking block level activities in 8 blocks per aspirational district. A total number of 24 blocks at 8 blocks per aspirational district were identified by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The names of the selected blocks are given below:

SI. No.	Name of the District	Name of the Block Identified
1.	YSRKadapa	Kadapa
		Proddutur
		C.K Dinne
		Rayachoty
		B. Kodur
		Galiveedu
		Porumamilla
		Vempally
2.	Visakhapatnam	Gajuwaka
		Chodavaram
		Araku
		Paderu
		Chinthapalli
		Narsipatnam
		G. Madugula

Identified Blocks in Aspirational Districts Under Mahila Shakti Kendra Scheme

		S. Rayavaram
3.	Vizianagaram	Ganyada
		Cheepurupalli
		Badangi
		S. Kota
		Bhogapuram
		Salur Rural
		Gajapathiangaram
		Bhadragiri

This information was given by the Minister of Women and Child Development, SmritiZubinIrani, in a written reply in the Lok Sabha today.

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