



SAKHI-ONE STOP CRISIS CENTRE (OSCC)



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Introduction

Gender Based Violence (GBV) is a global health, human rights and development issue that transcends geography, class, culture, age, race and religion to affect every community and country in every corner of the world. In India, gender based violence has many manifestations; from the more universally prevalent forms of domestic and sexual violence including rape, to harmful practices such as, dowry, honour killings, acid attacks, witch-hunting, sexual harassment, child sexual abuse, trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation, child marriage, sex selective abortion, sati etc. Other than these, India is also grappling with violence due to inequities in social life more particularly in times of displacement and communal incidents.

Background

Ministry of Finance, Government of India has established 'Nirbhaya Fund' with an initial corpus of Rs. 1000 cr. (as per the announcement in Budget 2013-14) for women safety pertaining to the strategic areas of prevention, protection and rehabilitation. For subsequent financial years of 2014-15 and 2015-16 an amount of Rs. 1000 cr. (each financial year) have been provided under the Nirbhaya Fund.

Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), has formulated a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for setting up One Stop Centre, a sub-scheme of Umbrella Scheme for National Mission for Empowerment of women including Indira Gandhi Matritrav Sahyaog Yojana. These centers will be established across the country to provide integrated support and assistance under one roof to women affected by violence, both in private and public spaces in phased manner. In the first phase, one centre shall be established in every State/UT on a pilot basis.

OBJECTIVE

It will provide help and assistance to rape survivors and victims of dowry harassment, domestic violence and other atrocities on women, all under one roof.

LOCATION:

For establishing a Centre, the first preference would be to obtain suitable and adequate accommodation having carpet area of at least 132 sq.m within a hospital / medical facility.

If it is not possible to locate accommodation within a hospital or medical facility, then an existing Government/Semi Government institutions located within 2 km radius of the hospital/medical facility in the district headquarter.

If it is not possible, the centers could be constructed on the adequate and suitable land having at least total area of 300 sq.m identified by State Government.

SERVICES:

Sl. No.	Type of Service	Service Provider
i)	Medical assistance 1: ❖ Referral to hospital through helpline/ Centre. ❖ If required, provide ambulance.	❖ Centre Administrator through empanelled hospital /medical practitioner/paramedical staff. ❖ Public and private ambulance providers.
ii)	Police assistance: ❖ Facilitate/Assisting in filing First Information Report (FIR/NCR)	❖ A Police officer to facilitate the process.
iii)	Psycho-social support/ counselling	❖ Empanelled counsellors on pro-bono basis or for honorarium.
iv)	Legal aid/counselling	❖ Lawyers empanelled with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA/SLSA) or empanelled on pro-bono basis or for honorarium.
v)	Shelter: ❖ Short stay with food and clothing. ❖ Referral to shelter homes for prolonged stay.	❖ One Stop Centre for short stay ❖ Swadhar Homes /Short Stay Homes / other Shelter Homes for long stay.
vi)	Video Conferencing Facility	❖ To facilitate police and court proceedings.

STAFF AT OSCC:

1. A trained officer of the inspector rank or above preferably a women police officer.
2. A women counselor.
3. Medical expert, preferably woman.
4. Trained nurse.
5. Forensic support.
6. Designated judicial magistrate metropolitan magistrate to record the complaint.
7. Police personal.

PHYSICAL SET UP

The physical requirement of One Stop Centre in terms of total area is 300 sq m and carpet area 132 sq.m with following structure:

Ground Floor

- One room for Office of Administrator.
- One room for office/video Conferencing.
- One room for counsellor/Medical Consultant.
- one room to accommodate a ward with 5 beds where the women affected with violence can be admitted,
- Lobby, two Toilets, One Pantry Room, Stairs etc.

First Floor

- Two Room accommodation for Administrator on First Floor.
- One Pantry Room, One Toilet, Stairs etc.

The Centre will be open 24 hours with referral services. To provide referral services, lists of hospital, police stations, lawyers, counsellors will be available at the Centre.

Administration and Management of the Centres:

The overall management of the Centre will be undertaken by the Management Committee headed by the District Collector/Deputy Commissioner of the respective District. The Management Committee comprising of the following members.

- District Magistrate/Commissioner (Chairperson of the Committee).
- Superintendent of Police.
- Secretary, District Legal Service Authority (DLSA).
- Chairperson of the Bar Council.
- Chief Medical Officer.
- District Programme Officer (DPO)/Protection Officer.
- District Panchayat Officer.
- Members of the Civil Society (3 members out of which at least 2 be women).
- Project officer ITDA/ITDP in district with ITDA/ITDP area.
- Any other member co-opted by the Chairperson.

Monitoring

At the National level:

At the National level, a National Steering and Monitoring Committee will be created under the chairpersonship of the Secretary, WCD comprising of representation from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Law and Justice, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, NALSA, Civil Society representatives, five representative members from the State Steering Monitoring Committee on a rotation basis.

The National Steering and Monitoring Committee will monitor and evaluate the functioning of the centers every six months.

At the State level:

At the State level there will be a State Steering and Monitoring Committee under the Chairpersonship of the Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary WCD with representatives from the Departments of Home Affairs, Health and Family Welfare, SLSA and Civil Society members. The Principal Secretary/Secretary for Tribal Welfare in Schedule-V and North Eastern Region will also the Members of the Committee. The State Steering and Monitoring Committee will monitor the functioning of One Stop Centre in the States/UTs on quarterly basis.

At the District level:

MC will act as Monitoring Committee at district level.

Reporting

Standardized monitoring reports, covering both financial as well as operational performance data will be prepared at One Stop Centre and will be sent to the State Steering Monitoring Committee on a quarterly basis and National Steering Monitoring Committee will review the monitoring reports on a quarterly basis.

Evaluation

The functioning of these centers would be assessed after six month of the operation after which Ministry will move the proposal for expansion of the project to cover more districts Mapping exercise, baseline survey, action research conducted by the State/UTs in this regard will help in assessing the impact or outcome of the Scheme.

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