

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:418  
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2000  
BIRTH REGISTRATION  
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA

**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a National Conference on Birth Registration under the aegis of UNICEF, held on May 24, 2000 considered the disadvantages and implications of human rights being suffered by children whose birth is not registered;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the main observations and suggestions made at the conference and the Government's reaction thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) Yes, Sir. A National Conference co-hosted by Plan International and UNICEF and supported by Office of the Registrar General of India was held.

(b)&(c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 418 for 22.8.2000 by Shri Madhavrao Scindia regarding Birth Registration.

The Conference deliberated upon several issues relating to birth registration and recommended ways and means to improve it in the country. The main suggestions of the conference were:

1) Awareness generation should be undertaken to increase demand for birth registration from the community.

2) Accessibility to birth registration units should be increased through-

a) Mobile registration units in remote areas e.g. desert area, hill areas, forest areas etc.

b) Providing an interface between civil registration system and the community by use of ANMs, AWWs, Panchayats, etc. as notifiers.

3) Linkage of birth registration with primary immunization schedule should be considered and, if necessary, the period of birth registration should be reconciled to the first contact of the child for immunization.

4) Image of the birth registration system should be improved to attract people to register birth of their child. For this customer services should be improved through -

a) Reducing delay in registration and issue of certificates

b) Improving record keeping to facilitate information search

c) Proper sign posting of the centres

The Suggestions of the Conference are generally used as an input for policy formulation.