

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2719  
ANSWERED ON:06.12.2000  
NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON NEONATAL CASE  
A.K. PREMAJAM;RAGHURAJ SINGH SHAKYA;V. SAROJA

**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government proposed to set up a National Technical Committee on neo-natal case;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government are aware of the alarming fall in the sex ratio;
- (d) if so, the details of sex ratio during the last three years, State-wise;
- (e) whether the pre-natal diagnosis technique (Regulation and prevention of Misuse Act) banning female foeticide is being implemented in all the States; and
- (f) if not, the names of the States where this is not being implemented?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) A copy of the Order constituting the National Technical Committee on Child Health is given at Annexure-I.
- (c) & (d) The State-wise sex ratio during 1991 Censuses as compared 1981 Census is given in Statement at Annexure - II.
- (e) & (f) The Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994 came into force, since 1st January, 1996, in all States except Jammu and Kashmir, where the Act does not apply.

**ANNEXURE - I**

No. 1.13020/29/2000-CH  
Government of India  
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

(Department of Family Welfare)

Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi. Dated the 11th June, 2000

**ORDER**

Subject:- National Population Policy - Constitution of National Technical Committee on Child Health.

In pursuance of the mandate of the National Population Policy neonatal care will be priority area for reduction of Infant Mortality Rate and Child Mortality Rate the Government of India has decided to set up a 'National Technical Committee on Child Health' for achieving the goals of Infant Mortality Rate and Child Mortality Rate and also other Interventions of Child Health viz. Immunization, diarrhoea control, control of Acute Respiratory Infection and Nutrition.

The composition of the Committee is as follows:

a. GOVERNMENT

Secretary (FW) - Chairman  
DG (ICMR)  
Joint Secretary (RCH), Department of Family Welfare  
Joint Secretary (Deptt. of Women & Child Development)  
Advisor (Health), Planning Commission  
Deputy Commissioner, Child Health, Department of Family Welfare  
Deputy Commissioner, Maternal Health, Department of Family Welfare  
Director, National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases, Calcutta  
Director, National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development  
Programme Officers from UP, MP, Orissa, Rajasthan

b. PROFESSIONAL BODIES

President, Indian Academy of Paediatrics  
President, National Neonatology Forum  
President, Federation Obstetric & Gynological Society of India  
President, Indian Association of Public Health  
President, Nursing Council of India  
President, Medical Council of India  
President, Indian Medical Association

**In case the Presidents are not able to come, their representative may attend the meeting.**

c. EXPERTS

Dr. Shanti Ghosh, Consultant, MCH, Delhi  
Dr. S.K. Bhargava, Consultant Neonatologist and Ex-Head of the Department (Pediatrics), Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi.  
Dr. M.K. Bhan, Professor of Pediatrics and Head of Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, AIIMS, New Delhi.  
Dr. A. Fernandis, ean, Lokmanya Tilak Municipal General Hospital, Mumbai  
Dr. (Mrs) Sheila Bhambal, Head of the Department

(Pediatrics), Medical College, Bhopal  
Dr. Vinod Pal, WHO Collaborative Centre on Neonatology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.  
Dr. Deoki Nandan, Professor of PSM, Medical College, Agra

d. NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS

President, Child in Need Initiative, Calcutta  
President, Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India, Delhi  
President, Mamta, Delhi  
Dr. Ajay Bang, SEARCH, Gadchiroli (Maharashtra)

The Terms of Reference for the Committee are:-

- (i) Review the demographic indicators related to preinatal, infant and child mortality with a view to ascertaining regional differences if any and to define reasons for the prevailing high preinatal, neonatal and infant mortality on regional basis with a view to suggesting regions specific policy interventions.
- (ii) Critically review existing intervention for child health and nutrition to ascertain their technical veracity and suggest measures for effecting implementation at the field level.
- (iii) Critically review programme implementation in its various dimensions to suggest measures for improving effectiveness of existing interventions.
- (iv) Suggest new/additional, cost-effective and implementable measures for accelerating the decline in infant and child mortality.

TA/DA of the non-official members will be met out of Government of India budgetary allocations according to entitlement/admissibility. TA/DA of all official members will be met out of the source from which salary is drawn.

Sd/-

(I.M. SONDHI)  
UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF INDIA  
Copy to:

1. All Members of the National Technical Committee on Child Health
2. All State Family Welfare Secretaries
3. Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences
4. Director (P)

PPS to Secretary (FW)  
PS to DGHS  
PS to JS(RCH)  
PS to JS(P)

ANNEXURE-II

DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION, SEX RATIO, CENSUS 1991

S No	India/State/Union Territory		Sex ratio	
	1981	1991	3	4
1	INDIA	934	927	
1	ANDHRA PRADESH		975	972
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH		862	859
3	ASSAM		910	923
4	BIHAR		946	911

5	GOA	975	967
6	GUJARAT	942	934
7	HARYANA	870	865
8	HIMACHAL PRADESH	973	976
9	JAMMU & KASHMIR @	892	923
10	KARNATAKA	963	960
11	KERALA	1032	1036
12	MADHYA PRADESH	941	931
13	MAHARASHTRA	937	934
14	MANIPUR	971	958
15	Meghalaya	954	955
16	MIZORAM	919	921
17	NAGALAND	863	886
18	ORISSA	981	971
19	PUNJAB	879	882
20	RAJASTHAN	919	910
21	SIKKIM	835	878
22	TAMIL NADU	977	974
23	TRIPURA	946	945
24	UTTAR PRADESH	885	879
25	WEST BENGAL	911	917
26	A & N ISLANDS	760	818
27	CHANDIGARH	769	790
28	D & N HAVELI	974	952
29	DAMAN & DIU	1062	969
30	DELHI	808	827
31	LAKSHADWEEP	975	943
32	PONDICHERRY	985	979

SEX RATIO IS DEFINED AS NUMBER OF FEMALES PER 1.000 MALES

SOURCE: REGISTRAR GENERAL INDIA