

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6552
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FEMALE FOETICIDE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether aborting the female foetus is quite rampant in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of female foeticide registered during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise;
- (c) the remedial steps being taken/proposed to be taken to check this illegal practice;

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI N SHANMUGAM)

(a) & (b) No separate figures on female foeticide are available. A statement on State/UTwise incidence of Foeticide reported during 1997, 1998 and 1999 is annexed.

(c) With a view to regulate and prevent the misuse of modern pre-natal diagnostic techniques, which often follows, detection and selective abortion of female foetus, the Pre- natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994 has been enacted, the country with effect from 1st January 1996. Disclosure of the sex of the foetus is strictly prohibited under this Act.

ANNEXURE

INCIDENCE OF FOETICIDE DURING 1997 TO 1999

Sl.No. States/UTs 1997 1998 1999 Fig. of 1999 are upto the month of

1	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	3	December
2	Arunachal Pr.	1	0	0	September
3	Assam	0	0	0	December
4	Bihar	4	2	NA	NA
5	Goa	0	0	0	December
6	Gujarat	0	1	7	December
7	Haryana	3	12	9	December
8	Himachal Pr.	1	1	1	December
9	J & K	0	1	1	November
10	Karnataka	0	0	0	December
11	Kerala	0	0	0	November (October)
12	Madhya Pradesh	21	12	17	December
13	Maharashtra	19	25	6	December (Aug. Sept. Nov.)
14	Manipur	0	0	0	December
15	Meghalaya	0	0	0	September
16	Mizoram	0	0	0	December
17	Nagaland	0	0	0	December
18	Orissa	0	0	0	July
19	Punjab	0	2	3	December
20	Rajasthan	3	4	3	December
21	Sikkim	0	0	0	December
22	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	December
23	Tripura	0	0	0	December
24	Uttrrar Pradesh	0	0	0	December
25	West Bengal	0	0	0	December

Total (States): 52 60 50

26	A&N Islands	0	0	0	December
27	Chandigarh	2	0	0	December
28	D&N Haveli	0	0	0	December
29	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	November (August)
30	Delhi	3	2	0	December
31	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	December
32	Pondicherry	0	0	0	December

Total (UTs): 5 2 0

Total (All India) 57 62 50

SOURCE: MONTHLY CRIME STATISTICS, (NCRB)

Note:

1. Fig. are provisional
2. NA stand for not available
3. Bracketed month in column 6 are missing.