GOVERNMENT OF INDIA WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1868 ANSWERED ON:13.03.2007 INSURANCE FOR GIRLS Verma Shri Ravi Prakash

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide an insurance cover of Rupees; one lakh for each girl child as an incentive for its upbringing in the country as reported in 'The Hindu' dated December 19, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes a conditional cash transfer scheme during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) A proposal is under consideration for the Eleventh Five Year Plan, wherein it is proposed that an insurance cover will be provided for the girl child as a safety net and also to enable the girl to receive a lump sum at the age of 18 years with suitable medical and educational components, to ensure her survival and overall development.

(c)&(d) Proposal for a Conditional Cash and Non-Cash Transfer Scheme to ensure overall welfare of the Girl Child is under consideration under the 11th Five Year Plan. The transfers are based on fulfillment of four important conditionalities viz. birth and registration of the girl child, immunization, her retention in school and delaying her age of marriage beyond 18 years.