

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

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

- (a) whether the boy-girl ratio is decreasing in various States in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State-wise and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) & (b) The child sex ratio for the age group of 0-6 years in 2001 is 927 girls per thousand boys against 945 recorded in 1991 Census. State/UTs wise Sex ratio and Child Sex ratio as per 1991 and 2001 Census is annexed.

The major reasons for declining sex ratios include Sex Selection followed by Female Foeticide , Female Infanticide, Early Childhood neglect the girl child ,Son Preference Dowry, Insecurity and Male bias in Enumeration of Population.

(c) The steps taken by the Government include inter-alia the Constitution of a National Inspection & Monitoring Committee (NIMC) for detecting violation of the Act and conducting of raids, Monitoring through the Central Supervisory Board under the Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Creating awareness on the issue through various IEC mechanisms, Sensitizing stake holders including the Judiciary and public prosecutors, holding of workshops/seminars and community awareness through Auxilliary Nursing Midwife (ANM) and Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA), as well as facility for on-line Complaint registration facility and online filling of 'Form F' by clinics.