

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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GENDER DISPARITY

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

- (a): whether the gender-based disparities have shown a decline in the country during the last decade;
- (b): if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c): the steps being taken by the Government for the removal of gender-disparities completely?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) & (b) : The Ministry has prepared and brought out a Report on 'Gendering Human Development Indices: Recasting the Gender Development Index (GDI) and Gender Empowerment Measure (GEM) for India. This report is also available on the Ministry's website: www.wcd.nic.in. GDI & GEM indices, computed for India for the year 1996 and 2006 are:-

GDI is 0.514 for 1996 & 0.590 for 2006. GEM is 0.416 for 1996 & 0.497 for 2006.

This shows a decline over the decade in the gender based disparity.

(c): The Ministry is implementing various Schemes/ Programmes for the development and empowerment of women. Details regarding these Schemes are available in the Annual Report of the Ministry as well as on the website of the Ministry at : www.wcd.nic.in.