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FEMALE FOETICIDE

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey on the female foeticide in the country every year;
- (b) the reasons behind the fall in the ratio of girls as stated in the survey and the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to introduce some effective scheme to check the female foeticide and increase the birth rate of girls; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) As per the National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB), a total of 96, 73 and 123 cases of foeticide were registered in the country during 2007, 2008 and 2009 respectively.

State/UT wise details of foeticide cases registered during the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 are at Annexure.

(b) The major reasons for skewed sex ratio include sex selection followed by female foeticide, female infanticide, early childhood neglect the girl child, son preference, dowry, insecurity and certain socio cultural belief and practices.

(c) & (d)As per the information received from Ministry of Women and Child Development, the Ministry is implementing the scheme of 'Dhanalakshmi' as a pilot programme to provide a set of staggered financial incentives for families to encourage them to retain the girl child. The Ministry of Women and Child Development declared January 24th as a National Girl Child Day to bring to centre-stage the problems faced by the girl child and create national awareness.