

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

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ASSESSMENT OF GENDER EQUALITY  
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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any mechanism for regular assessment of the gender impact programmes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the same is being reviewed by any high-powered group/committee;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has launched any intense literacy campaign for adolescent girls and young women, especially in the backward districts; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (d): The Gender Budgeting Cells set up by Ministries / Departments are expected to, inter alia, conduct a gender analysis of schemes / programmes / policies and assess the extent to which they address the situation of women. As per information available, so far 56 Ministries / Departments have set up these Cells.

The Gender Budgeting Statement, introduced in 2005-06, reflects the allocation for women under schemes/ programmes of various Ministries / Departments. In 2010-11, 28 Ministries/ Departments have given allocations for women in the Gender Budgeting Statement.

(e) & (f): The Government has launched "Saakshar Bharat", the new variant of National Literacy Mission, on 8th September, 2009 with the prime focus on women. The aim is to cover 70 million non-literates in 15+ age group by the end of XI Five Year Plan, out of which 60 million will be women. 365 districts in the country, having adult female literacy rate of 50% or less, as per Census 2001, have been identified in 25 States and 1 Union Territory. The programme will be implemented in the identified districts in a phased manner.