

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

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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 sex ratio in the country is declining at an alarming rate;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) the number of female foeticide cases reported/detected by the Government during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether Government has felt an urgent need to check the continual tendency of sex determination in the society; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to suitably amend the Pre-conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994 providing for more strict penalties for female foeticide?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

- (a) & (b) Sex ratio in India has declined from 972 in 1901 to 927 in 1991. The sex ratio has since gone up to 933 in 2001. State wise details are at Annexure-I
- (c) As per the information received from National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB), the NCRB does not maintain data on female foeticide separately. However, the number of reported cases of foeticide were 96, 73 and 123 and 107 (provisional) during the years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 respectively. State wise details are at Annexure-II.
- (d) Yes. The steps taken by the Government under PC&PNDT Act, 1994 include constitution of a National Inspection & Monitoring Committee (NIMC), 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 auxiliary Nursing Midwife (ANM) and Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA), as well as facility for on-line filing of Form 'F' by clinics.
- (e) Does not arise.