

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:952  
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SELECTIVE ABORTION  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a World Bank study has revealed that recent increase in literacy and per capita income in India may have contributed to an increased selective abortion; and

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a) No. The World Bank Study, World Development Indicators 2009 only indicates an increase in literacy and per-person income in India. It does not mention any contribution of the said increase to sex selective abortions.

(b) Does not arise.