

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

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INCIDENTS OF FEMALE FOETICIDES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the recent incident of 16 dead foetuses and underdeveloped infants found dumped in open in the State of Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for alarming fall in the sex ratio in the State; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the education and well-being of the young girls and to empower the State`s women in order to check the rampant incidents of female foeticides?

Answer

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

(a): Yes. The Government has taken cognizance of the incident in which fourteen organs and foetuses were found in the premises of National High school, Kishanganj, Bihar.

(b): A medical board was constituted by the State Government to investigate the matter. The medical board confirmed that there were two male and five female foetuses, one testis, five uteri and one ovarian tumour. The Board concluded that the foetuses and organs were preserved for academic purposes by a surgeon, late Dr. B.K. Roy, of K.B. Nursing Home, situated about 100 metres from National High School. Dr. Roy who died in a road accident in October, 2010 used to do gynaecological operations in the aforesaid nursing home.

Reasons for fall in sex ration in the state include sex selection followed by female foeticide, early childhood neglect of the girl child, son preference, dowry and socio cultural beliefs and practices.

(c) Government of Bihar has reported that the following schemes are implemented in the state of empowerment of women, including education and well being of young girls:

50% reservation of women in Panchayati Raj institutions

Gender budgeting in Government programmes

Distribution of IFA tablets to adolescent girls

Provision of health cards and screening of adolescent girls and children, 0-14 years under Naye Peedhi Swasthya Gurantee Karyakram

Mukhyamantri Kanya Suraksha Yojana

Mukhyamantri Kanya Vivah Yojana

Mukhyamantri Balika Bicycle Yojana

Mukhyamantri Balika Protsahan Yojana

Mukhyamantri Balika Poshak Yojana

Dhanalakshmi Yojana

Rashtriya Bridhawastha Pension Yojana