

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4669  
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GENDER BUDGETING  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

the steps taken or being taken by the Government to set up Gender Based Budget Cell in each Ministry and to make it popular?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

Ministry of Finance has issued instructions to all Ministries/Departments to set up a Gender Budget Cell. Presently, 56 Ministries/Departments have set up Gender Budgeting Cells (GBCs).

As per the Charter of Gender Budget Cells issued by Ministry of Finance, the Gender Budget Cells are to review the performance of programmes of their respective Ministries/Departments that have an impact on women.

The Ministry of Women & Child Development (WCD) is the nodal Ministry to promote gender based budgeting and mainstreaming across all sectors. The Ministry organises training programmes and workshops with officials of different Ministries/Departments to enable the GBCs to take up Gender Budgeting.

The Ministry of WCD is also organizing training programmes for State Governments and other Bodies like State Commissions for Women, Public Sector Units and civil society organizations, developing resource materials for Gender Budgeting including Gender Budget Handbook and Manual, and developing a team of Master Trainers at the National level and State level.