

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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GENDER BUDGETING

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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the provision for Gender Budgeting has been started in various Ministries / Departments:
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with aims and objectives of gender budgeting:
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed the implementation of Gender Budget Statement Development by the Central Ministries:
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the Gender Budgeting?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Gender Budgeting is a process that entails maintaining gender perspective at various stages of planning, budgeting, implementation, impact assessment and revisiting of policy/programme objectives and allocations in order to bring about gender mainstreaming into the development process. Gender Budgeting aims at translating gender commitments in to budgetary commitments. The objectives of Gender Budgeting are for committing to initiatives with the objective of influencing and effecting a change in the Ministries' policies, programmes in a way that could tackle gender imbalances, promote gender equality and development and ensure that public resources through the Ministries' budgets are allocated and managed accordingly.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development along with Ministry of Finance has been pursuing with all Ministries/ Departments to set up Gender Budgeting Cells (GBCs) and as per information available, 56 Ministries/Departments have set up GBCs. Further, 29 Ministries/Departments are also reporting the allocations made for women as part of the Gender Budget Statement placed in the Parliament along with the Union Budget. The magnitude of GB allocations in the Union Budget 2012-13 was `88,142.80 crore which is 5.91 % of the total budget.

(c) & (d): No formal review of implementation of Gender Budget Statement has been done, although post-budget consultations discussing the GBS have been organised.

(e): In order to strengthen the process of gender budgeting the Ministry of Women and Child Development has been undertaking various capacity building measures for officials of Central, State Governments and various stakeholders. A Gender Budgeting Plan Scheme was launched during 2007-08 to this effect. The Ministry has also developed a Gender Budgeting Handbook for Government of India Ministries & Departments and a Gender Budgeting Manual for Trainers. The Ministry has also undertaken one-to-one sessions with several departments to promote Gender Budgeting.