

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has been successful in implementing the schemes targeted for empowerment of girl child by declaring 2012 as 'Girl Child Year';
- (b) if so, the details thereof and;
- (c) the results achieved there under in various States across the country, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per media reports certain Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) working for the protection of girl in Andhra Pradesh had demanded that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh announce 2012 as girl child empowerment year to lay emphasis on the rights of girl child. However, the Government of India has not declared 2012 or any other year as the 'Girl Child Year'.

(c): In order to promote sensitization and awareness about the girl child, 24th January of every year is being celebrated as 'National Girl Child Day'. The Ministry of Women and Child Development on this occasion reaffirms its commitment for the girl child and brings issues related to the girl child at the center stage and also advocates with States to undertake similar programmes for raising awareness on issues relating to girl child, including in Andhra Pradesh.