

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

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

- (a) whether a United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) report has pointed towards a very dismal position regarding empowerment of women in absolute terms in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in coordination with States in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) publishes Human Development Report regularly. As per Human Development Report 2011 India's position is 129 out of 146 countries on Gender Equality Index.

The reports and reviews, including those made by UN and other multilateral organizations are made with respect to their own methodologies, assumptions and benchmarks. The observations and recommendations of such reports provide inputs for consideration for policy making by individual sovereign Governments in terms of their own circumstances and priorities.