

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has identified twelve districts in the country as dangerous with regard to gender imbalance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is actively considering the recommendation of the Planning Commission to move towards a system of Gender Responsive Budgeting;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to achieve gender mainstreaming and gender equity in the sphere of budgeting?

Answer

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

(a): No Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) to (e): The Government has already adopted Gender Budgeting based on the recommendations of the Expert Group on classification system of Government transactions constituted by the Ministry of Finance under the Chairmanship of the Chief Economic Advisor to Government of India. An Inter-Departmental Committee was constituted in November 2004 under the chairmanship of Secretary, Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. Following which, instructions were issued by the Ministry of Finance, to all Ministries/ Departments in December, 2004 to establish a 'Gender Budgeting Cell (GBC)'.

The GBCs have been formed with the objective of influencing and effecting a change in the Ministry's policies, programmes in a way that could tackle gender imbalances, promote gender equality and development. On 8th March 2007, the Ministry of Finance also issued a Charter for Gender Budget Cells (GBCs) outlining the composition of GBCs and their functions.

The following steps are being taken by the Government in the sphere of Gender Budgeting:

- i. Since 2005, the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) along with the Ministry of Finance has been pursuing with various Ministries/ Departments for setting up of GBC As per information available, so far 56 Central Ministries/Departments set up GBCs.
- ii. As part of the Union Budget, every year, since 2005-06, a Gender Budget Statement 20 is prepared by the Ministry of Finance, which reflects 30% and above allocations made for women by different Ministries / Departments. In 2012-13, an allocation of `88,142.80 crores in relation to 29 Ministries/ Departments was reported in the GB Statement.
- iii. Further 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.