

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

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INCENTIVE FOR GIRLS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched/ proposes to launch any scheme to save the girl child and provide incentives to the girls irrespective of caste and creed in the wake of declining sex ratio in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year ; and
- (d) the fund sanctioned, released and utilized by the State Governments thereunder during the said period?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) A Conditional Cash Transfer Scheme for Girl Child - "Dhanalakshmi" was launched on 03rd March, 2008 to address declining child sex ratio in following 11 Blocks across seven States on pilot basis: -

State District Block

Andhra Pradesh Khammam Aswaraopeta
 Warangal Narsampet

Chhattisgarh Bastar Jagdalpur
 Bijapur Bhopalpattnam

Orissa Malkangiri Kalimela
 Koraput Semiliguda

Jharkhand Giridih Tisri
 Kodarma Markachor

Bihar Jamoi Sono

Uttar Pradesh Rae Bareilly Shivgarh

Punjab Fatehgarh Sahib Sirhind

Under the scheme, cash incentive to the girls irrespective of caste and creed is provided.

(c) & (d): The grant released and number of beneficiaries under 'Dhanlakshmi' are as under:-

Year	Grant Released(in Rupees)	Beneficiaries
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2010-11	1,83,01,816/-	97,393
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2011-12	Nil#	30,218
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2012-13	11,60,92,975/-	56,515
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2013-14	Nil ##	Nil
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As no complete proposals for release of funds from State Governments were received, funds were not sanctioned in 2011-12.

As no proposal has been received so far for release of funds from the State Governments for the year 2013-14, funds have not been released. .