

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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BETI BACHAO BETI PADHAO CAMPAIGN .

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

(a) whether the Child Sex Ratio (CSR) in some States/UTs of the country has reportedly declined below the national average, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has urged the States/UTs for effective implementation of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign in their respective States, if so, the details thereof and the response of the States/UTs thereto along with the funds allocated and released to the States/UTs for implementation of the campaign since inception;

(c) the extent to which the said campaign has been successful in helping to achieve the balanced sex ratio in various States/UTs across the country; and

(d) the other corrective steps including providing of financial assistance/ incentives taken/being taken by the Government to remove gender imbalance improve child sex ratio in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a): As per the Census 2011, the Child Sex Ratio (0-6 years) has shown a decline from 927 females per 1000 males in 2001 to 918 females per 1000 males in 2011. State/ UT-wise details of Child Sex Ratio is annexed. The reasons for neglect of girl child and low Child Sex Ratio are due to mindset having preference for son and low status of women, preference for small family coupled with easy availability of technology of sex determination tests and abortion services act as a catalyst in the declining Child Sex Ratio.

(b) to (d): To address the issue of declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR), in age group of 0-6 years, Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) programme has been launched. The overall Goal of the programme is to celebrate the Girl Child and enable her Education. The Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) initiative has two major components –i) National level Media campaign and ii) Multi-sectoral action in 100 selected districts (as a pilot) with adverse CSR, covering all States and UTs. The total project cost of the programme for the 2 year and 6 Month is Rs. 199.99 crore with 100% Central Assistance.

So far the funds released to State/UTs for effective implementation of District Action Plans under BBBP Programme are as under.

Sl.No	Funds Released	Rs in lakh
1	Haryana	223.00
2	Himachal Pradesh	36.34
3	Nagaland	36.34
4	Assam	36.34
5	Madhya Pradesh	101.35
6	Punjab	250.97
7	Bihar	36.34
8	Uttar Pradesh	166.36
	Total Funds Released	887.04

The execution is still in nascent stage and it is very early to say about effectiveness of its implementation.