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Child Sex Ratio

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the CSR during each of the last three census and the current census and the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to bring about parity in the CSR along with the time-frame, if any, set for achieving the said target?

Answer

(a) & (b): Yes. As per the Census, 2011 the child sex ratio (0-6 years) has shown a decline from 962 females per thousand males in 1981 to 918 females per thousand males in 2011. State-wise details are placed at Annexure-I. Some of the reasons for the declining in Child Sex Ratio are neglect of girl child and low child sex ratio are son preference and the belief that it is only the son who can perform the last rites, that lineage and inheritance runs through the male line, sons will look after parents in old age, men are the bread winners etc. Small family norm coupled with availability of sex selection / determination tests is seen as an important catalyst in the declining Child Sex Ratio.

(c): Government has adopted a multi-pronged strategy entailing schemes and programmes and awareness generation/advocacy measures to build a positive environment for the girl child through gender sensitive policies, provisions and legislation. The details of the major actions being taken by the Government are at Annexure-II.