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LOK SABHA**

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BETI BACHAO BETI PADHAO

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

- (a) whether the Child Sex Ratio (CSR) has declined in the country during each of the last three censuses, if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor State/UT-wise ;
- (b) whether the Government has launched `Beti BachaoBetiPadhao` campaign to save and empower girl child across the country;
- (c) if so, the coverage of the campaign across the country, State/UT-wise along with the salient features of the campaign;
- (d) whether the Government has fixed any target under the said campaign, if so, the details and achievements thereof, State/UT-wise along with the funds allocated/released to States by the Government under the said campaign and the utilisation reported by the States thereunder, so far, State/UT-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has held discussions/ consultations with the States in this regard, if so, the details and outcome thereof along with the awareness programmes launched/being launched by the Government across the country in this regard; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to bring each district of the country under the said campaign and to improve child sex ratio in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) Yes Madam. The Child Sex Ratio (CSR) has declined in the country during each of the last three censuses. In 1991, the all-India CSR was 945, this dropped to 927 in 2001 and to 918 in 2011. The State-wise detail is enclosed at Annex-I. The reasons behind the declining Child Sex Ratio in the country, primary the socio- cultural mindset having preference for son, considering girls as burden and preference for small family. Further, easy availability of technology for sex determination tests and abortion services act as a catalyst in the declining Child Sex Ratio.

(b) & (c): Government of India has recently introduced the BetiBachao, BetiPadhao (BBBP) scheme for survival, protection & education of girl child. It aims to address the issue of declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR) through a mass campaign across the country targeted at changing societal mindsets & creating awareness about the criticality of the issue. There are focussed intervention & multi-sectoral action in 100 districts with low Child Sex Ratio. The list of 100 gender critical districts with low on CSR is enclosed at Annex-II.

(d) As the BetiBachao, BetiPadhao (BBBP) scheme has been approved recently, no fund allocation has been made so far to the States. Increasing Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB), availability of functionable toilet in schools, girls enrolment in secondary education and effective implementation of Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCP&DT)Act, 1994 are some of the targets set under the scheme.

(e) & (f): Ministry has been holding a series of regional consultations with the States/UTs Governments/District Collectors/Deputy Commissioners. The 1st Regional Consultation was organized on 31st October, 2014 at Chandigarh to discuss the implementation modalities of District Action Plans with District Collectors/Deputy Commissioners of the 27 districts of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Chandigarh UT. During the consultation the District Collectors/Deputy Commissioners and Chief Medical Officers of the concerned district having low CSR were sensitized about the criticality of the issues.