

Title : Decline of male female ratio in the country.

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males in 1991 to 927 females in 2001 except in the States like Kerala, Tripura, Mizoram, Sikkim and Lakshadweep.

The decline is quite alarming in some prosperous States like Delhi, Haryana, Punjab and Gujarat. Punjab where the *per capita* income is higher than any other State, sex ratio is 793 females per 1000 males. According to WHO, the acceptable ratio is 950 females per 1000 males.

At places like Patel Nagar, Vasant Vihar, Punjabi Bagh and Preet Vihar the sex ratio is 937, 856, 840 and 780 females per 1000 males respectively [\[pkp90\]](#). Falling sex ratio is a matter of grave concern. In Kakhrod village in Jind, about 500 men who had crossed the marriageable age are unable to find their brides because there are a few girls. A section of doctors, nursing homes, ultrasound scanning centres are indulging in these heinous crimes.

I urge upon the Government to take stringent action against these unscrupulous doctors, nursing homes, ultrasound scanning centres which are violating PNDT Act.