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Title: Regarding increase in female infanticide in various parts of the country.

SHRIMATI INGRID MCLEOD (NOMINATED): Madam Chairperson, I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards rampant increase in female infanticide in various parts of the country.

The death of girl children is rising in alarming proportions. It is a national shame when the Media reports such cases. There are a number of cases where new born baby girls are either strangled or thrown in garbage bins, where couples abandon their new born baby girls in hospitals. Recently, there was a case of a 10-day old baby girl, who was buried alive. This is a matter of concern.

Causing the girl child to die by premeditated efforts by both literate and illiterate mothers alike is an offence perpetuated on humanity and also on the nation's women. Motherhood does not allow a woman or accomplices to cunningly constrict the girl's chances of survival. The death of girl children already born, is a reflection of the determination to kill or abandon this country's future. It is time to frame effective laws in this direction to ensure survival of the girl child.