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Title: Need to save Girl Child.

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN (VADAKARA): The census data has come out with the startling revelation that there is a clear birth advantage for male children in India. It is a well established fact that this male advantage is artificial at the exclusion of the female child. Female foeticide is still prevalent in some parts of India and pre natal sex determination is leading to more boys being born. India is a young nation and our demographic divide is laudable. South India has comparatively done better in controlling population. Kerala is a Model to other states in family planning and also attitude towards girl child. No coercible measures were taken to curb the population rate in Kerala. It was through education, access to health and economic prosperity, particularly for women, Kerala could achieve the goal. I appeal to the Government to issue strict advisories to the States to ensure that the female foeticide law is strictly implemented in the letter and spirit. Ministry of HRD and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare should take special initiative to make this campaign at school and community level also.