

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 305
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024

GENDER BUDGET

305. SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- a. the total amount allocated to the Gender Budget in the current fiscal year compared to the previous three years;
- b. the percentage increase in the Gender Budget allocation over the past five years;
- c. specific programs or initiatives that have received increased funding due to the enhanced Gender Budget; and
- d. the expected impact of the increased Gender Budget on women's welfare and development in the coming year?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

- a. Allocations in Gender Budget in the Union Budget during FY 2021-22 to FY 2024-25 are as under:

FY	Amount (Rs. Crore)
2024-25	3,27,158.44
2023-24	2,38,219.75
2022-23	1,71,006.47
2021-22	1,53,326.28

- b. The percentage increase in Gender Budget allocation over the past five years is 128% (Rs. 1.43 lakh crore in FY 2020-21 to Rs. 3.27 lakh crore in FY 2024-25)
- c. A total of 43 Ministries/Departments/UTs have reported an allocation of Rs. 3.27 lakh crore in the Gender Budget Statement of FY 2024-25, which is an increase of 37.3% over the same in FY 2023-24. Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Ministry of Women and Child Development etc. are a few departments/ministries who have significantly high percentage allocation for Gender Budget under their respective schemes.
- d. Higher Gender Budget is expected to accelerate the process of women-led development and increase women's overall welfare by ensuring adequate budgetary commitment.
