

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *187
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2025

GENDER BUDGETING

*187. SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI:

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

- (a) whether Government has established any formal mechanism to evaluate the long-term behavioural and institutional outcomes of gender budgeting workshops conducted at the State and district levels, particularly in regions with high gender inequality;
- (b) if so, whether any assessment reports or data indicating the measurable impact of such capacity-building initiatives at the grassroots level; and
- (c) whether the Ministry proposes to introduce sector-specific gender impact audits to assess the effectiveness of increased allocations under the gender budget in enhancing women's access, participation, and agency?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 187 FOR REPLY ON 06.08.2025 ASKED BY SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI, REGARDING 'GENDER BUDGETING'

(a) to (c): The Government has taken steps to promote Gender Budgeting (GB) as a tool to advance gender equality and women's empowerment. The Ministry of Women and Child Development provides capacity-building and technical support to Central Ministries/Departments, as well as State/UT Governments, to strengthen their gender budgeting processes. Ministries, Departments, States/UTs, and their implementing agencies utilize their own resources to achieve the objectives of various schemes and programmes. The outcomes of these schemes are measured and monitored through their respective implementation mechanisms, including NITI Aayog's evaluation studies and the Output-Outcome Monitoring Framework (OOMF).

The Ministry of Women and Child Development implements the Gender Budgeting Scheme under the *Samarthya* component of Mission Shakti, with the objective of building the capacities, knowledge, and skills of government officials and stakeholders to integrate gender perspectives in planning and budgeting across sectors. The scheme aims to strengthen and institutionalize gender budgeting at the Central, State, and district levels. 100% grant-in-aid is provided to eligible agencies such as State Government Departments, Administrative Training Institutes, Universities, and others. The activities supported under the scheme include organising training programmes, workshops, seminars, and conferences to build capacity among a range of stakeholders, including officials from Central and State/UT Governments, Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), and other stakeholders.

The scheme guidelines mandate *pre-and post-training assessments* to evaluate the effectiveness of workshops and training sessions. These assessments measure the change in participants' understanding of key gender budgeting concepts, such as its principles, significance, tools, and methodologies. Training reports furnished by training institutes indicate that such GB trainings have led to increased awareness among government officials and have supported the integration of gender perspectives into departmental planning and budgeting processes, including the publication of Gender Budget Statements across various sectors.

The Ministry has developed a comprehensive Training Manual on Gender Budgeting to serve as a key reference for Training Institutes and Government Departments who conduct training programmes and workshops on gender budgeting. The manual includes core gender concepts,

tools and methodologies for gender budgeting including gender audits and sector-specific applications aimed at strengthening gender-responsive governance. Further, the Ministry launched a Gender Budgeting Knowledge Hub on 19th June 2025. GB Knowledge Hub is a digital repository of information and resources related to gender budgeting processes, designed for use by Central and State Government Ministries/Departments and other stakeholders. The Hub aims to facilitate knowledge-sharing, promote best practices, and support capacity-building efforts across levels of governance.
