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RAJYA SABHA
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BETI BACHAO BETI PADHAO SCHEME IN JHARKHAND

472. SHRI PRADIP KUMAR VARMA:

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

- (a) the number of girls benefited so far under the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme in the State of Jharkhand;
- (b) the improvement registered with respect to girl education, school enrolment and dropout rate in the State Jharkhand through this scheme; and
- (c) the district of the Jharkhand where this scheme has been implemented most effectively?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme was launched on 22nd January 2015 to help address declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and attendant issue of empowerment of girls and women. The scheme tries to create mindset and behavioural changes towards the girl child by informing, influencing, motivating, engaging, and empowering various stakeholders.

BBBP has transformed from a policy initiative into a national movement by mobilizing stakeholders including government agencies, media, civil society, and public at large. This movement not only highlights immediate concerns related to adverse sex ratio and gender-based discrimination but also to foster a cultural shift towards valuing the girl child and ensuring realization of her rights and opportunities. BBBP is a centrally sponsored scheme being 100% funded by the Central Government across the country under Sambal vertical of Mission Shakti and is implemented through State Government in all the districts of Jharkhand.

As per information received from State Government of Jharkhand, they have implemented various initiatives to addresses both the sex ratio at birth and the school enrolment and dropout

rates of girls. Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs), Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs), and other health workers conduct door-to-door campaigns and mass media initiatives to promote gender equality and challenge traditional beliefs that may contribute to sex-selective practices.

For improving enrolment and reduce dropout rates of girls in schools, the State Government has organised more than 2000 activities in different girl schools to create awareness on school education. More than 8.9 lakh girls have also been sensitised on Menstrual Health Management (MHM) to avoid dropouts. State Government of Jharkhand is running Savitribai Phule Kishori Samridhi Yojna for school going girls wherein the beneficiary is provided a total of Rs. 40,000, out of which the amount of Rs. 20,000 is directly linked to continuing education and enrolment of girl child from class 8 to class 12. Furthermore, Project Management Units (PMUs) have also been setup to achieve maximum enrolment and skill development under Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society (JSLPS) programme.

The enrolment of girls for the year 2023-24 for State of Jharkhand is 71.43 lakhs and Gross enrolment ratio (GER) at secondary level has improved from 63.3% in 2022-2023 to 64.7% in 2023-24 as per UDISE+ of Ministry of Education. The dropout rate of girls (in percentage) at different level of education in Jharkhand state is as under:

Particular	Primary	Upper Primary	Secondary
Dropout rate	0.6	8.6	15.1

(Source: UDISE+ 2023-24)
