

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2876
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.08.2026

CHILD SEX RATIO IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

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Will the **MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the district-wise child sex ratio trends in Himachal Pradesh, particularly in districts such as Una and Hamirpur;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the trend over the last five years, district-wise;
- (c) whether Government proposes to intensify Beti Bachao Beti Padhao interventions in districts showing an adverse or stagnant sex ratio, and if so, the details and timeline thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to strengthen enforcement of the PC&PNDT Act and promote convergence with State authorities to improve the child sex ratio in Himachal Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): Beti Bachao Beti Padhao helps to address Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and related issues 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. In the 15th Finance Commission Period, BBBP as a component under the SAMBAL vertical of Mission Shakti, has been expanded to cover all the districts of the country including all districts in Himachal Pradesh through multi-sectoral interventions encouraging greater spend on activities that have on ground impact including awareness about PC-PNDT Act etc. BBBP has transformed from a policy initiative into a national movement by mobilizing various stakeholders, including government agencies, media, civil society, and the public at large.

As per latest reports of Health Management Information System (HMIS) of Ministry of Health & Family welfare (MoHFW), the Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) is showing improving trends and has increased from 918 to 929 at national level during 2014-15 to 2025-26 (provisional). The district wise Child Sex Ratio in the State of Himachal Pradesh is **annexed**.

(c) and (d) : Under the BBBP scheme, for effective implementation at ground level, Ministry has developed an operational manual which inter-alia includes a thematic calendar for suggested convergence activities including activities for raising awareness at district level, Sensitivity drive, PC&PNDT Act Enforcement Drives, etc with month wise specific themes for holistic development of the Girl Child and to ensure year-round engagement of girls, their families and communities and training in this regard is regularly conducted at district, state and national level.

Under convergence with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, activities include creating awareness on nutrition and health, menstrual hygiene, prevention of anaemia among adolescent girls, strengthening the Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK), implementing the School Health Ambassador Initiative, conducting awareness sessions on comprehensive sexuality education, and sensitising communities about the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act and Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act.

The State Government of Himachal Pradesh is implementing Beti Bachao Beti Padhao continuously along with implementing awareness and IEC activities, self-defence training for girls, vocational skill development programmes, plantation drives in the name of the birth of a girl child, celebration of National Girl Child Day and initiatives promoting girl child education and prevention of child marriage. These activities are conducted throughout the year as per the approved Annual Action Plan.

In the State Government of Himachal Pradesh BBBP scheme is promoting awareness regarding the PCPNDT Act through IEC activities and public campaigns against sex selection. Regular convergence with the Health, Education, Police and other stakeholder departments is being ensured, along with community mobilization through Anganwadi Centre and awareness programmes to promote the value of the Girl Child and improve the Child Sex Ratio.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) AND (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2876 FOR 12.08.2026 BY SHRI HARSH MAHAJAN ON ‘CHILD SEX RATIO IN HIMACHAL PRADESH’

Child Sex Ratio in the districts of Himachal Pradesh from 2021-22 to 2025-26

S.No	Name of the District	Child Sex Ratio				
		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	Bilaspur	962	966	952	960	940
2	Chamba	964	964	962	963	980
3	Hamirpur	941	951	943	946	952
4	Kangra	913	915	921	922	923
5	Kinnaur	1005	978	987	974	967
6	Kullu	975	979	992	971	983
7	Lahaul & Spiti	1010	952	949	962	941
8	Mandi	938	939	940	942	944
9	Shimla	993	996	997	992	998
10	Sirmaur	967	971	958	954	959
11	Solan	937	948	923	935	969
12	Una	937	949	936	938	928

Source: Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
