GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 5007 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2016

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5007. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set any goal to improve sex ratio at birth by 10 points minimum every year and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has asked the States to achieve 100 per cent institutional deliveries and put boards displaying the number of girls and boys in every village; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the States thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

- (a) No, Madam. However, The Government has launched Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme on 22nd January 2015 to address the issue of decline in Child Sex Ratio (CSR). The key indicator of the BBBP Scheme is to increase the declining Child Sex Ratio.
- (b) & (c) The Government has been promoting early registration of pregnancy, institutional deliveries and birth registration and also promoting mandatory exhibition of Gender disaggregated data through Guddi-Gudda Boards (Girl Child-Boy Child boards) in prominent places like Panchayat offices/tehsils/hospitals & widely publicized in the community under the initiative of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme, which is being implemented in 161 districts of the country to address the issue of declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR),. The Scheme has been received well and since then, several local innovative interventions have been demonstrated by the districts with support from Department of WCD, Health and Education. This has resulted in increased awareness, sensitization and conscious building around the issue of declining CSR in the public domain.