

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1997  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2017**

**GLOBAL GENDER GAP INDEX**

**1997. SHRI KAMAL NATH:  
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:**

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has been ranked very low on the gender equality scale in the Global Gender Gap Index (2017) released by the World Economic Forum (WEF) recently;
- (b) if so, the facts and details in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has ascertained the factors responsible for country's abysmal ranking in Global Gender Gap Index and if so, the details in this regard; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve its ranking in Global Gender Gap Index?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

- (a): The Global Gender Index 2017 has not been received officially by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
- (b): As per the 'Global Gender Index' published by the World Economic Forum, India ranks 108th among 144 countries. The ranking are based on four parameters - economic participation and opportunity, educational attainment, political empowerment and health and survival.
- (c) & (d): The country ranking seems to have taken into account the health indicators based on unconfirmed sources of data rather than on established surveys- the National Family Health Survey and Sample Registration System etc. that have shown improvement in health indicators including Under Five Mortality Rate, Fertility Rate, Maternal Mortality, Births attended by skilled Health Personnel, Health Life Expectancy Among Females and Adolescent Fertility Rate. etc.