

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6514
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2018

WOMEN'S ECONOMIC AND GOVERNANCE INDICATORS

6514. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

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

- (a) whether Women's Economic and Governance Indicators has been declined in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b): At National level, the Government of India does not estimate Economic and Governance Indicators.
- (c) The Government has taken several initiations of empowerment of women. The schemes being implemented by Ministry of Women and Child Development are i) Beti Bacho Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme to arrest the declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR), in the age group of 0-6 years and enabling education for the girl children, ii) Scheme for Adolescent Girls aiming at girls in the age group 11-14, to empower and improve their social status through nutrition, life skills, home skills and vocational training, iii) Rastriya Mahila Kosh (RMK), for extending micro-finance services to bring about socio-economic upliftment of poor women, iv) Mahila e-Haat, a unique direct online digital marketing platform for women entrepreneurs/ SHGs/ NGOs, v) Pradhan Mantri Mahila Shakti Kendra, which will empower rural women through community participation to create an environment in which they realize their full potential.

The Government also runs various employment generation schemes for beneficiaries including women like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) implemented by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) scheme run by Ministry of Rural Development, and Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) implemented by Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs. To enhance skilling programmes of youth including women, a new Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has been established to coordinate the skill activities across Ministries. The Ministry of Home Affairs has issued an advisory to all

State Governments to increase representation of women in police to 33% of the total strength.

For improving governance at the grass root level, training of Trainers of Elected Women Representatives of Panchayati Raj was conducted by MWCD to: deliberate upon issues related to empowerment of women and functioning of PRIs; describe processes of participatory planning in local governance; and enable women to identify their own leadership potential to contribute effectively as change agents. Also 33% reservation for women in panchayats has been mandated by law in all States.
