GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3935 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.01.2019

GENDER BUDGETING SYSTEM

3935. SHRI L. R. SHIVARAME GOWDA: SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV: SRIMATI ANJU BALA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has adopted Gender Budgeting System (GBS) in order to strategize gender mainstreaming across sectors in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the current status and progress made in this regard;
- (c) whether all the State Governments/UTs have adopted the GBS and if so the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to implement Gender Budgeting Schemes and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the Gender Responsive Budgeting?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

- (a) to (d): Gender Budgeting Scheme is being implemented in the whole country as a scheme for empowerment of women. Gender Budgeting has been adopted as a powerful tool for gender mainstreaming and putting a gender lens on various stages of planning, budgeting, implementation, impact assessment and revisiting of policy/programme objectives and allocations. The objectives of the Gender Budgeting include strengthening of institutional mechanisms and capacity building of various stakeholders and key policy makers so as to mainstream gender concerns in Central and all State Governments. At the Central level, there are 57 Ministries/Departments which have Gender Budget Cells and 30 Ministries/Departments are reporting on the Gender Budget Statement, i.e., Statement 13. At the State level, there are 14 States/UTs who have adopted Gender Budget Cells and 20 States/UTs are reporting on the Gender Budget Statement, i.e., Statement 13. Capacity building efforts have been undertaken in 21 States for conducting training programmes/workshops.
- (e): Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) being the nodal Ministry for Gender Budgeting, has coordinated and collaborated with other Ministries/Departments and State Governments to form, institutionalize and strengthen Gender Budget Cells (GBCs) at the Central and State level. MWCD sanctions grants-in-aid every year for training and capacity building of key government officials and stakeholders at National, State and District level.