

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3931**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2023

**GLOBAL GENDER GAP**

3931. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:  
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:  
SHRI ARUN SAO:

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

- (a) whether gender gap in India has been increasing in the recent years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note of the lowest ranking ascribed to India in the Global Gender Gap Report, 2022 by World Economic Forum, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve sex ratio and healthy life expectancy of women as per WHO Standards?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c) As per the Global Gender Gap Report 2022 released by the World Economic Forum on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022, India's rank has improved on the Global Gender Gap Index in 2022 compared with 2021.

The Global Gender Gap Report 2022 ranks India at 135 out of 146 countries on the Global Gender Gap Index (GGGI) with a score of 0.629 out of 1. The Global Gender Gap Report 2021 ranked India at 140 out of 156 countries with a score of 0.625.

Government accords highest priority to improving sex ratio in the country and ensuring healthy life for women. Some major initiatives taken by the Government in this regard are as follows:

- **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao** (BBBP) ensures protection, survival and education of girl child.
- **Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0** aims to address the challenges of malnutrition in children, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers through a strategic shift in nutrition content and delivery and

by creation of a convergent eco-system to develop and promote practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity.

- **Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojna (PMMVY)** provides partial compensation for the wage loss and seeks to improve health seeking behaviour among the pregnant women and lactating mothers. The revamped PMMVY under Mission Shakti also aims to promote positive behavioural change towards girl child by providing additional cash incentives for the second child, if that is a girl child.
- Rollout of Comprehensive Primary Health Care including health promotion through **Ayushman Bharat-Health & Wellness Centers (AB-HWC)**.
- **Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK)** to eliminate out-of-pocket expenses for pregnant women delivering in public health institutions and sick infants accessing public health institutions for treatment.
- **Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY)** to provide financial assistance to pregnant women for encouraging institutional delivery.
- **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana** empowers women and protects their health by providing LPG cylinder free of cost.

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