

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 427  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2022

**GLOBAL GENDER GAP REPORT**

\*427. SHRI R.K. SINGH PATEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of India's ranking in the Global Gender Gap Report;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to bridge the gender gap in the country; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the health of women and enhance their economic-political participation in India?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA  
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REGARDING 'GLOBAL GENDER GAP REPORT'**

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the Global Gender Gap Report 2021 published by the World Economic Forum, India is ranked at 140 out of 156 countries with a score of 0.625 (out of 1). The Global Gender Gap Report provides the scores on Global Gender Gap Index (GGGI) which examines the gap between men and women in four dimensions, namely, Economic Participation and Opportunity, Educational Attainment, Health and Survival and Political Empowerment. According to the Global Gender Gap Report 2021, India has scored 0.326 in Economic Participation and Opportunity, 0.962 in Educational Attainment, 0.937 in Health and Survival and 0.276 in Political Empowerment.

(c) and (d) Government of India has given utmost priority to bridge the gender gap in India, reducing disparity between men and women, improving the health of women, increasing their socio-economic status and participation in various fields. Some major initiatives taken by the Government of India for removing the gender gap in all aspects of health, economic and political life are as follows:

**Health and Nutrition**

- Government has approved Mission Poshan 2.0 and Saksham Anganwadi to strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach and outcomes with focus on developing practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity to disease and malnutrition.
- Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandna Yojna aims to provide maternity benefit to pregnant and lactating mothers.
- Implementation of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health plus Nutrition (RMNCAH+N)
- Rollout of Comprehensive Primary Health Care including health promotion through Ayushman Bharat-Health & Wellness Centers (AB-HWC)
- Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram (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.
- Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN) to provide assured, dignified, respectful and quality healthcare at no cost and zero tolerance for denial of services
- Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) to provide comprehensive and quality ANC to pregnant women on the 9th of every month.
- LaQshya initiative to improve the quality of care in Labour room and Maternity Operation Theatres.
- Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana empowers women and protects their health by providing LPG cylinder free of cost.

**Economic Participation**

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- Beti Bachao Beti Padhao ensures the protection, survival and education of the girl child.
- Working Women Hostel ensures the safety and security for working women.

- The National Crèche Scheme ensures that women take up gainful employment through providing a safe, secure and stimulating environment to the children.
- Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana aims to provide housing under the name of the woman also.
- Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana aims to enable a large number of Indian youths including women to take up industry-relevant skill training in securing a better livelihood.
- Deen Dayal Upadhyay National Urban Livelihoods Mission focuses on creating opportunities for women in skill development, leading to market-based employment.
- Sukanya Samriddhi Yojna - Under this scheme, girls have been economically empowered by opening their bank accounts.
- Skill Upgradation & Mahila Coir Yojna is an exclusive training programme of MSME aimed at skill development of women artisans engaged in coir Industry.
- Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme is a major credit-linked subsidy programme aimed at generating self-employment opportunities through establishment of micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector.
- Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana provides access to institutional finance to micro/small business.

### **Political Participation**

- To bring women in the mainstream of political leadership at the grass root level, government has reserved 33% of the seats in Panchayati Raj Institutions for women. Capacity Building of Panchayat Stakeholders including Elected Women Representatives is conducted with a view to empowering women to participate effectively in the governance processes.

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