

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4889
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1st April, 2022**

SEX DETERMINATION TESTS

4889 SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

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

- (a) whether the cases of carrying out foetal sex determination tests have come to light in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to take any concrete and effective steps to curb it; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (c) Government of India, besides enactment of the Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 has adopted following multi-pronged strategy entailing schemes and programmes for awareness generation and advocacy measures to build a positive environment for the girl child through gender sensitive policies, provisions and legislation:

- Monitoring of diagnostic Centres/Clinics/ Labs, through visits / Inspection by Monitoring Committees,
- Review of implementation of the law at the National/State /District level,
- Capacity building of implementing officers and sensitisation of public prosecutors,
- Creating awareness through advocacy measures and Information Education and Communication (IEC) campaigns towards building a positive environment for the Girl Child,
- Mechanisms are formulated at the National / State level to monitor illegal e-advertisement for sex –selection on internet,
- Rendering financial support to the States/UTs for strengthening implementation of the Act; and
- Efforts are taken to enhance convergence with the Scheme Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP).
