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MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 707**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2025

**EDUCATION AMONG GIRL CHILDREN**

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

- (a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to eliminate sex-based discrimination and achieve balanced sex ratio in the country since January 2015;
- (b) the details of the awareness campaigns conducted by the Government to promote education among girl children since January 2022;
- (c) the bifurcated details of the amount allocated and utilized under the Sukanya Samridhi Yojana (SSY) since January 2022;
- (d) the number of SSY accounts opened and the total number of beneficiaries covered under the aforementioned scheme; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the efficiency and success of the aforementioned scheme since its inception?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

(a) The "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" (BBBP) scheme was launched in 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015 in response to arrest adverse trends in gender imbalance and declining child sex ratio in the country. The scheme is 100% funded by the Central Government and has been expanded to cover all the districts of the country. The Government of West Bengal is not implementing the Scheme.

Ministry has developed an operational manual which inter-alia includes a thematic calendar for suggested convergence activities at district level with month wise specific themes for holistic development of the Girl Child and to ensure year-round engagement of girls, their families and communities.

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao has undertaken cohesive convergent effort with the Partner Ministries like Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for conducting awareness campaigns and sensitization of all stakeholders including public about **Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act, 1994**, an Act enacted to stop female foeticide and arrest the declining sex ratio in India. Likewise convergent action with

Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education are undertaken encouraging greater spend on activities that have on ground impact, e.g. promotion of sports among girls, self-defence camps, construction of girl's toilets, making available sanitary napkin vending machines and sanitary pads especially in educational institutions for empowerment of the girl child. The scheme seeks not only to address immediate concerns related to sex ratio and gender-based discrimination but also to foster a cultural shift towards valuing the girl child and ensuring balanced sex-ratio.

Through focused interventions like awareness drives on PCPNDT act, opening of Sukanya Samridhi Accounts for the girl child and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), the Government seek to promote positive behavioral change towards girl child with the aim to eliminate sex-based discrimination and to achieve balanced sex ratio

(b) Education is a subject in the concurrent list of the Constitution and a majority of schools are under the administrative control of the respective State Government/UT. However, Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL) is implementing the scheme of Samagra Shiksha, effective from 2018-19, for universalization of quality education throughout the country in coordination with the States and UTs. Under the scheme, various interventions have been targeted for girls, which include opening of schools in the neighborhood to make access easier for girls, free uniform and text-books to girls up to Class VIII, Self-Defence Training to Girls of class VI to XII of Govt. Schools, additional teachers and residential quarters for teachers in remote/hilly areas, separate toilets for girls, teachers' sensitization programs to promote girls participation, gender-sensitive teaching-learning materials including text books etc. Further, special state specific projects for varied interventions under equity are also emphasized for enhancing access, retention and quality for girls by promoting enrolment drives, retention and motivation camps, gender sensitization modules etc. Such projects include life skills, awareness programmes, incinerators, sanitary pad vending machines etc.

Samagra Shiksha focuses on equity and access for all students. Special measures are undertaken to assimilate the Out of School Children and campaigns are carried out by States UTs at the admission time for enrollment for all students.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development in collaboration with DoSEL, Ministry of Education launched a special campaign namely Kanya Shiksha Pravesh Utsav on March 7, 2022, to re-enroll Out of School Adolescent Girls (OoS AG) into formal schooling. Out of the 1,44,107 OoS AG identified, this campaign successfully re-enrolled 100,786 out-of-school girls, highlighting the movement's focus on education and equal opportunities.

(c) to (e) The Sukanya Samridhi Account (SSA) scheme is a deposit scheme. Only one SSA can be opened in the name of a girl child. Therefore, number of accounts opened is same as number of beneficiaries. Total number of accounts opened under SSA till 31.12.2024 is 4,12,99,114. The SSA Scheme is being given due audio, video, electronic and print media publicity. Campaigns to open accounts under the scheme are also launched from time to time for information of the public by agencies.

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