GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 760 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2025

BETI BACHAO BETI PADHAO

760. SHRI ARUN BHARTI:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme across all districts in the country, if so, the details, funding and objectives thereof:
- (b) whether there has been a measurable improvement in the Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) and Gross Enrollment Ratio of girls in secondary education since the launch of the BBBP scheme and if so, the specific statistics reflecting this progress;
- (c) whether the Government has issued any operational guidelines or activity calendars to enhance community engagement in BBBP initiatives and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether financial allocations for BBBP are based on district-specific SRB data, if so, the total amount allocated to districts with varying SRB levels; and
- (e) whether these efforts are expected to significantly contribute to gender equality and empower the girl child in the country and if so, the details thereof along with anticipated outcomes of these initiatives?

ANSWER

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

(a) BBBP scheme launched on 22nd January, 2015 aims to prevent Gender based sex selection and to ensure survival and protection of girl child and also to ensure education of the girl child. 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.

The objectives of the Scheme are as follows:

- Improvement in the Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) by 2 points every year.
- Improvement in the percentage of institutional deliveries to the rate of 95% or above.
- 1% increase in 1st Trimester Anti-Natal Care (ANC) Registration per year.
- 1% increase in enrolment at secondary education level and skilling of girls/women per year.
- To check dropout rate among girls at secondary and higher secondary levels.
- Raising awareness about safe Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM).
- (b) The latest reports from Health Management Information System (HMIS) of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) reveal that Sex ratio at Birth (SRB) is showing improving trends and has increased from 918 to 930 at national level during 2014-15 to 2023-24 with a net positive change of 12 points.

Further, Gross Enrollment ratio of girls in the schools at secondary level has increased from 75.51 percentage in 2014-15 to 78 percentage in 2023-24 [as per Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE)-data, Ministry of Education].

As per reports taken from Health Management Information System (HMIS) of Ministry of Health & Family welfare (MoHFW), percentage of institutional deliveries has increased from **61%** in 2014-15 to **97.3%** in 2023-24.

Similarly, as per the HMIS data, Percentage of 1st trimester Ante-natal care registration have increased from **61%** in 2014-15 to **80.5%** in 2023-24.

- (c) 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.
- (d) Under the Mission Shakti guidelines the allocation of funds to the districts is based on their differential SRB status. Keeping in mind the differential SRB status of districts as on 2020-21 (as per HMIS data of MoH&FW), three brackets for release of funds under BBBP component have been prescribed. The districts with SRB less than or equal to 918 is being provided assistance of Rs.40 Lakh per year, districts having SRB from 919 to 952 is being provided assistance of Rs. 30 lakh per year and districts having SRB more than 952 is being provided assistance of Rs. 20 lakh per year. Further, any new district formed in the coming years will also be kept under Rs. 30 lakh bracket.
- (e) Over the past years, BBBP has successfully captured the national consciousness, mobilizing communities, government agencies, civil society, and media to work together in fostering a supportive and equitable environment for girls. Through focused interventions like awareness drives on PCPNDT act, opening of Sukanya Samriddhi

Accounts for the girl child and provision of maternity benefit under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) seek to promote positive behavioral change towards girl child. They have achieved significant progress in improving the Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB), raising awareness about the importance of girl education, and ensuring better healthcare for girls and women.

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao has undertaken cohesive convergent efforts for protection and empowerment of the girl child and has become a cornerstone for all schemes/programmes and policies at all levels for the safety, security and empowerment of the girl child through life cycle continuum.
