

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:881  
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2005  
DECLINE IN FEMALE SEX RATIO  
Thakkar Smt. Jayaben B.

**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the decline in female sex-ratio brought out by census 2001 in certain parts of the country has been a matter of concern for the Union Government to combat the evil effect of female foeticide;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has launched a nation-wide campaign known as Manvi Sanrakshan Abhiyan through the Central Social Welfare Board and its branches all over the country; and
- (d) the result achieved by the Government under this campaign?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The Government is implementing Pre-Conception and Pre- Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act 1994. All clinics having pre-natal diagnostic facilities are registered under the Act and determination and communication of the sex of the foetus is banned under the Act. 27,399 clinics are registered under the Act and 330 court cases have been filed for various violations of the Act.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Efforts are being made to create awareness against female foeticide amongst the masses. Rupees 31.45 lakhs have been sanctioned under this campaign in 2003-04.