

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to form an Appropriate Authority to inspect and check the declining sex ratio in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques Act has not been effective to check the declining sex ratio;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the extent to which the formation of the new Authority is likely to help in checking the declining sex ratio?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques Act is being implemented in the country which bans determination of sex of the foetus. As on 31.10.2005, 27399 units are registered, 330 Court/Police cases filed and 33 machines seized/sealed in the country. The main problem is that in most of the cases, both the service providers and the service seekers operate in agreement to defeat the provisions of the Act and there is no complainant.