

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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REDUCTION IN GENDER GAP
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has fixed targets to reduce gender gaps in literacy and wage rate, infant mortality rate and maternal mortality rate in the current plan period;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the details of the achievements made so far; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the remaining targets of plan period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) The monitorable targets for the 10th Plan and beyond are as under:-

Â§ Reduction in gender gaps in literacy and wage rates by at least 50 per cent by 2007;

Â§ Reduction in infant mortality rate (IMR) to 45 per 1000 live births by 2007 and to 28 by 2012; and

Â§ Reduction of Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) to 2 per 1000 live births by 2007 and to 1 by 2012.

(c) The available figures are given in the Annexure.

(d) The information is given in the Mid-term Appraisal of the Xth Plan. The Report is posted in the Planning Commission's website www.planningcommission.nic.in.

1. Maternal Mortality Rate, 1991, 1998 (Sample Registration System)

(Number of maternal deaths per 1,00,000 live births)

1991	1998
437	407

(Extract: MDG India Country report, 2005)

2. Literacy rates, 1998-2001 (Census)

(in percentage)

Census year	Person	Male	Female	Male-female gap
1981	43.6	56.4	29.8	26.6
1991	52.2	64.1	39.3	24.8
2001 aged 7+	64.8	75.3	53.7	21.6

3. Average wage earning of casual labourers
Average wage earning received per day by casual labourers during 2004 (NSSO, 60th round, Jan-June, 2004)

(in Rs.)

female	male	Gender Gap	
2004	2004	2004	
Rural	36.15	56.53	20.38
Urban	44.28	75.51	31.23

4. Infant Mortality Rate

Year	Total	Male	Female
1991	80	81	80
1995	74	73	76
2000	68	67	69
2004	58	58	58

excludes J&K due to non-receipt of returns.