

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PRE NATAL DIAGNOSTIC TECHNIQUES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has estimated the cost of implementing the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether budgetary allocation has been made for the implementation of the PNDT Act in the current financial year; and
- (d) if so, the extent of budgetary support provided in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): In order to check female foeticide, the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 was enacted and brought into operation from 1st January, 1996. The Government has been issuing directions from time to time to the States and Union Territories to strictly implement PC&PNDT Act and the Supreme Court directions in this regard. In order to implement the PC & PNDT Act, both Central and State Government undertake awareness generation activities. Apart from these activities, the National Inspection and Monitoring Committee (NIMC) of the Government of India as well as Appropriate Authorities at the State and District level monitor the implementation of the Act at the field level. No exercise has been undertaken to assess the costs of implementation of the Act in the country. The States however, have been authorized to include the expenditure under Reproductive and Child Health -II Project Implementation Plan. Besides, at the central level under IEC budget, an amount of Rs. 4.00 crores has been allocated for creating awareness during 2006-07. This budgetary support has been provided to D.A.V.P. for telecasting of PNDT Video Spots on Doordarshan and Satellite Channels as per the media plan. Indian Radiological & Imaging Association (IRIA) has been provided funds for organization of sensitization workshops for their members, as per the proposals received from them. Apart from the above, from the general IEC budget of the Ministry, the dissemination of PNDT issues is given its due importance.