

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

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

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the recent Report of the World Economic forum entitled `Women`s Empowerment: measuring the Global gender Gap`, placing India at the 53rd position out of the 58 countries surveyed on social, economic and political gender parity;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve upon the role of women and for their empowerment in different fields of activities like education, health, sports and other areas as set out in the said Report?

Answer

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

(a),(b)&(c) The Government is already seized of the matter relating to gender disparity brought out by the World Economic Forum. The parameters included in the Report undergo continuous review through out Plan documents and steps are taken from time to time to improve the position. The Government has initiated gender mainstreaming measures at the Union and State levels to ensure that gender concerns are brought centre stage in all aspects of public expenditure and policy. The Tenth Plan has initiated action in tying up the concept of Women`s Component Plan and gender budgeting exercise to develop gender perspective in planning. The efforts and progress India has achieved with respect to the critical areas on concerns identified by the Beijing Conference is given in the Platform for Action 10 years after India Country Report, available in departmental website <http://www.wcd.nic.in>.