

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

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INCENTIVE FOR GIRL CHILD  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide incentives to have a girl child through free education, extra PDS ration, even tax concessions to reduce the number of female foeticide abortions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is mobilizing the social and religious organizations against this practice; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the role assigned to them?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Following steps have been suggested as the inputs in the 11th Five Year Plan to raise the status of the girl child:

# Conditional Cash and Non-Cash Transfers on fulfillment of four important conditionalities –

# birth and registration;

# health and immunization;

# retention in school;

# delay age of marriage beyond 18 years.

# Component of insurance cover for the girl child

An insurance cover for the girl child as a safety net and to enable the girl to receive a lump sum at the age of 18 years with suitable medical and educational components.

(c) & (d) Various activities have been undertaken to create awareness against the practice of pre-natal determination of sex and female foeticide by mobilizing the social & religious organizations. Workshops and seminars are organized through Voluntary Organizations at State/regional/district/block levels to create awareness against this social evil. The Government of India had funded the Padyatra undertaken by Swami Agnivesh, World Council of Arya Samaj from Gujarat to Punjab, undertaken with the objective to create awareness on the issue. UNFPA had organized multi-faith religious leaders meet under the leadership of Art of Living Foundation of Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. The Government of Punjab had involved Jathedars of Takahat Shri Damdama Sahib & Anandpur Sahib in preaching & advocacy in the state.