

Legislation for sexual harassment at work place

3342. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a legislation to address sexual harassment at work place has been formulated, on the basis of the Visakha judgement;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) A draft Bill for "Protection of Women Against Sexual Harassment" is under consideration.

(b) Constitution of Local Complaint Committees at district and block levels are envisaged under the proposed Bill for redressal of sexual harassment at work place.

(c) Does not arise.

Mortality of girls

3343. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether, as per report brought out by NGO-Save the Children, survival gap is widening in the country between the ages of one and five, for every five boys who die, eight girls die;
- (b) whether the report cites less money spent on girls' health compared with boys, as one of the major reasons for the survival gap;
- (c) whether in Punjab, the expenditure on medical care in the first two years after birth for boys is 2.3 times higher than that for girls;
- (d) whether this is a telling comment on the deep-rooted gender bias in our society; and
- (e) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) to (e) As informed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the report brought out by the NGO-Save the Children, is not an accepted report as it has not been brought in consultation with the Government of India. Government of India, therefore, does not recognize the report.

As per the National Family Health Survey 3, 2005-06, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, under five mortality rate is 69.7 per thousand live births for males and 79.2 per thousand live births for females.