

with Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab showing very high mortality compared to female population; and

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating any special measures to contain and reduce the number of “Missing Women” in those States?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI): (a) Yes, As per Census 2011 data, Child Sex Ratio (CSR) stands at 918 girls per 1000 boys in the age group of 0-6 years, much lower than the figure of 927 in 2001 Census. As per Census 2011, 15 States are below or equal to national average of 918 including Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab. 429 districts spread across 33 States (including Telanagana) have shown decline in CSR from 2001 to 2011. The CSR in States of Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab is as follows:

Haryana: As per the Census 2011 the Child Sex Ratio in the State of Haryana is 834 which is well below the national average of 918.

Punjab: As per the Census 2011 the Child Sex Ratio in the State of Punjab is 846 which is also lower than the national average of 918.

Madhya Pradesh: Madhya Pradesh recorded a 14 point decline in CSR from 932 girls per 1000 boys in 2001 to 918 in 2011.

(b) Addressing declining Child Sex Ratio is a priority of the Government. Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme has been launched by the Prime Minister on 22nd January, 2015 in Panipat, Haryana. BBBP addresses the declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and related issues of disempowerment of women over a life-cycle continuum. It is a tri-ministerial initiative of Ministries of Women and Child Development, Health and Family Welfare and Human Resource Development. This Scheme focusses on awareness and advocacy campaign at national level, enforcement of Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC&PNDT) Act and multi-sectoral action in select 100 districts (low on CSR) in the first phase.

Out of these selected districts, 12 districts from Haryana, 11 district from Punjab and 4 districts from Madhya Pradesh have been identified for focussed attention.

Low rate of adoption

1276. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of in-country and inter-country adoption of abandoned and destitute and orphaned children over the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the reasons for low rate of adoption in both the categories considering the huge number of abandoned and orphaned and destitute children in the country; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the number of adoption substantially?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI): (a) The number of in-country and inter-country adoption of abandoned and destitute and orphaned children over the last three years, year-wise is as under:

Sl.No.	Year	In-country Adoption	Inter-country Adoption
1.	2012-13	4694	308
2.	2013-14	3924	430
3.	2014-15	3988	374

(b) The low rate of adoption can be attributed to less flow of adoptable children to recognised adoption agencies.

(c) In order to facilitate more people to adopt children in the country, the Government has notified Guidelines Governing Adoption of Children-2015 on 17.07.2015 to further simplify the procedure and to minimize delay in the process of adoption. Some of the key changes contemplated in the existing guidelines are provisions for linking the orphan/abandoned/surrendered children of all Child Care Institutions (CCIs) to the adoption system, making the entire adoption process online, treating NRI prospective adoptive parents at par with the domestic prospective adoptive parents, reducing the timeframe for completion of Home study report from two months to one month.

Rapid Survey on Children

1277. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rapid Survey on Children (RSOC), a nation-wide survey commissioned by the previous Government and conducted by UNICEF has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the gist of its findings and recommendations and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Rapid Survey on