

Decline in under-age marriages

634. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 4th National Family Health Survey, 2015-16 has been released recently;

(b) if so, whether the survey indicates that there is a sharp decline in under-age marriages in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the details of other findings of the survey; and

(d) how the Ministry is planning to capitalize on the above and take it forward to focus more on empowering women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Data from National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4 (2015-16), India fact sheet reveals decline in women in the age group 20-24 married before age 18 years. As per the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4 (2015-16), the percentage of women in the age group 20-24 married before age 18 years is 26.8 which was 47.4 in National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-3 (2005-06), thus showing decreasing trend.

(c) and (d) Data from National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4 (2015-16), India fact sheet have also revealed that Women age 15-19 years who were already mothers or pregnant has shown a decreasing trend. Further, Institutional births have shown an increasing trend with mother's education and household wealth quintile. Similar trend is observed in case of full immunisation of Children (12-23 Months) and mothers who had at least four Antenatal care visits.

All Government programmes focus towards empowerment of women and utilize the findings of these surveys.

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