

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Underweight (%)	Stunting (%)
31.	Chandigarh	24.5	28.7
32.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	38.8	41.7
33.	Daman and Diu	26.7	23.4
34.	Delhi	27.0	31.9
35.	Lakshadweep	23.6	26.8
36.	Puducherry	22.0	23.7
	TOTAL	35.7	38.4

Positive result of BBBP scheme

†2209. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been positive and encouraging result of Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme;

(b) if so, whether any such study has been conducted by Government which shows improvement in status before and after the implementation of the scheme; and

(c) whether Government would initiate any new scheme for the education of girls along with their empowerment in case the current scheme gives better results and shows improvement in sex-ratio?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) Yes, Sir. The BBBP scheme has been well received and in the four and half years, several local innovative interventions have been demonstrated by the districts and States/UTs with support from their Departments of Women and Child Development, Health and Education, besides National Media and advocacy campaigns through Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The latest reports of Health Management Information System (HMIS) of Ministry of Health and Family welfare (MoHFW) reveal that Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) is showing improving trends and has increased from 923 to 931 at National level for the time period between F.Y. 2015-16 and 2018-19. While at State/UT level, SRB in 21 States/UTs is showing improving trends whereas in 03 States/UTs, SRB is stable in F.Y. 2018-19 in comparison to previous F.Y. 2017-18.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) An evaluation study on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme has been entrusted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development to National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi (NCAER).

(c) No, Sir. At present there is no such proposal for new scheme for education of girls alongwith their empowerment. However, as per the information received from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the Samagra Shiksha - an Integrated Scheme for School Education (ISSE) has been launched throughout the country in year 2018-19. The Samagra Shiksha has specific provisions for promotion of girls' education and are beneficial to girl students viz. opening of schools in the neighborhood, provision of free text-books and uniforms to girls up to Class VIII, provision of gender segregated toilets in all schools, teachers' sensitization programmes to promote girls' participation, provision for Self-Defence training for the girls from classes VI to XII, stipend to girls coming under category of children with special needs from class I to Class XII, construction of residential quarters for teachers in remote/hilly areas/in areas with difficult terrain etc. The Gross Enrolment Ratio of Girls at Secondary Level has increased to 80.29% in Financial Year 2016-17 against 80.10% in Financial Year 2015-16.

Monitoring of Anganwadi Centres

2210. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering effective monitoring of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) across the country through digitisation;
- (b) if so, the extent to which digitisation has been achieved, State-wise;
- (c) the proposed timeline and the strategies implemented under this project, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of initiatives taken by Government and the State Governments to improve nutrition, literacy and numeracy in Anganwadi Centres?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) The digitisation of physical registers in Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) has been taken up with roll-out of ICDS-Common Application Software (CAS) Application under POSHAN Abhiyaan of Ministry of Women and Child Development. The software application CDS-Common Application Software especially developed for this purpose enables data capture, ensures assigned service delivery and prompts for