

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2706**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2021

**REDUCTION IN BUDGET FOR CHILD WELFARE**

2706. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the share of budget allocated to child welfare in the 2021-22 was reduced by 10.8 cent as compared to the 2020-21 with the budget for child protection receiving the highest reduction of almost 40 per cent; and
- (b) if so, the reasons for the reduction despite the NCRB data suggesting as many as 148,185 cases of crime against children in 2019, which meant that each day over 400 crimes were committed against children in the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): During the financial year 2019-20 and 2020-21, the details of allocation of fund and actual expenditure is given bellow;

| Year    | Allocation (Rs.in crore) | Actual Expenditure (Rs. in crore) |
|---------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2019-20 | 1500.00                  | 865.83                            |
| 2020-21 | 1500.00                  | 843.98 (up to 15.03.2021)         |

Budget allocation for the year 2021-22 has been made keeping in view the requirements under various schemes and the overall availability of resources.

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