

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2021

GENDER GAP IN THE COUNTRY

1267 SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that India is ranked at 140 out of 156 countries in the Global Gender Gap Report of 2021 by the World Economic Forum;
- (b) whether Government has noted the steep drop in India's rank in the said report from 112 in 2020 to 140 in 2021;
- (c) if yes to both, reasons for Government reducing the gender budget allocation from 4.7 per cent in 2020 to 4.4 per cent in 2021;
- (d) whether Government considers this to be a suitable allocation given the widening of the gender gap in India, State-wise; and
- (e) if so, on what basis?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the Global Gender Gap Report 2021 published by the World Economic Forum, India is ranked at 140 out of 156 countries with a score of 0.625 (out of 1). As per the Global Gender Gap Report 2020, India ranked at 112 out of 153 countries with a score 0.668.

(c) to (e) As per the Gender Budget Statement of Ministry of Finance for the financial year 2021-22, an amount of Rs. 1,53,326.28 Crore has been allocated for women and girls by 43 Central Ministries/Departments and Union Territories. For the financial year 2020-21, the allocation reported from 39 Central Ministries/Departments and Union Territories was Rs. 1,43,461.72 Crore. This shows an increase of Rs. 9,864.56 Crore during the financial year 2021-22 over 2020-21 along with an increase in the number of Central Ministries/Departments and Union Territories making dedicated allocations for women and girls.

The Ministry consistently pursues to institutionalize Gender Budgeting in all Ministries/Departments and States/UTs by engaging with all these stakeholders by way of analysis of the gender component of various schemes/programmes under implementation by the Central and State Governments.
