

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3199
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2022

GENDER BUDGETING SYSTEM

3199 SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has adopted Gender Budgeting System (GBS) in order to strategize gender mainstreaming across sectors and at all levels of governance in the country, if so, the details thereof indicating the current status and progress made in this regard;
- (b) the funds allocated/released to Central/State Government/Autonomous Institutions for mainstreaming gender concern during the last three years; and
- (c) whether the gender responsive budgeting statement has any impact on actual allocation of funds during the project design phase and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) The Government is committed for promoting gender equality in all sectors and at all levels of governance. Financing for gender equality is central to mitigate gender inequalities and Gender Budgeting is a critical strategy in this endeavour. The Government has adopted Gender Budgeting as a strategy to incorporate a gender perspective in all stages of policy making.

The Government has emphasised that Gender Budgeting includes gender sensitive formulation of legislation, policies, plans, programs, schemes, resource allocation, implementation, monitoring, audit and impact assessment of programs and schemes. In this regard, the Ministry has focused on (i) establishing institutional mechanisms and processes to undertake Gender Budgeting in all Ministries/Departments at the national and State/UT level and (ii) strengthening capacities and building expertise across levels of governance on undertaking Gender Budgeting.

(b) The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing a scheme on Gender Budgeting to provide financial grant-in-aid to government departments, national and state training institutes and organisations to conduct training and workshops to build capacities of various stakeholders on Gender Budgeting. The funds allocated/released during the last three years are as under:

(In Rs. Crore)

S. No.	Year	BE	RE	Released/Expenditure
1	2018-19	3.50	3.50	3.17
2	2019-20	3.50	3.50	1.70
3	2020-21	5.00	5.00	0.24*

* Due to COVID-19 pandemic, virtual trainings were conducted leading to less expenditure

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government publishes a Gender Budget Statement (Statement13) annually along with the Union Budget. The Gender Budget Statement is a reporting mechanism for Ministries/Departments to review their programmes from a gender perspective and present information on allocations for women and girls.

In Financial Year 2021-22, 43 Ministries/Departments/Union Territories reported an amount of Rs. 1.53 Lakh Crore in the Gender Budget Statement, an increase of 7% over 2020-21 (Budget Estimates).

In Financial Year 2022-23, 41 Ministries/Departments /Union Territories reported an amount of Rs. 1.71 Lakh Crore in the Gender Budget Statement, an increase of 11.5% over 2021-22 (Budget Estimates).
