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Ministry of Women & Child Development

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Subject: Sectoral Innovation Council on Child Sex Ratio (CSR).

The Census 2011 has shown a sharp decline in Child Sex Ratio (age group of 0-6 years) compared to the previous Census. It has declined to 914 in 2011 from 927 in 2001 and has been continuing unabated since 1961 despite improvements in other social indicators such as literacy, gender gap in effective literacy rate, overall sex ratio, etc. The decline in CSR has spread to 22 States and 5 Union Territories with highest decline in J&K State.

In view of such an alarming situation, Government of India have decided to set up a Sectoral Innovation Council on CSR to look at the entire gamut of issues connected with the declining child sex ratio with a purpose of identifying interventions which have worked and those which did not, and also to suggest innovative strategies, approaches and methods of intervention to address the decline in CSR problem in a time bound and effective manner.

The Council will have the following composition and shall submit its recommendations within eight weeks:

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| i) Mrs. Anita Agnihotri, Member Secretary, NCW | - | Chairperson |
| ii) Shri Sundeep Kumar Nayak, JS, MWCD | - | Member Secy. |
| iii) Joint Secretary, MoHFW, Govt. of India | - | Member |
| iv) Joint Secretary, Ministry of HRD, Deptt. of School & Elementary Education | - | Member |
| v) Representative, UNFPA | - | Member |
| vi) Representative, UNICEF | - | Member |
| vii) Prof. P.M. Kulkarni, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, JNU, New Delhi | - | Member |
| viii) Prof. Ravinder Kaur, Deptt. of Humanities, IIT, Delhi | - | Member |
| ix) Ms. Varsha Deshpande, Lawyer, Maharashtra | - | Member |
| x) Ms. Kirti Singh, Lawyer, New Delhi | - | Member |
| xi) Secretary, Deptt. of Women & Child Development Govt. of Punjab | - | Member |
| xii) Secretary, Deptt. of Women & Child Development Govt. of Maharashtra | - | Member |

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| xiii) Secretary, Deptt. of Women & Child Development
Govt. of Rajasthan | - | Member |
| xiv) Secretary, Deptt. of Women & Child Development
Govt. of Andhra Pradesh | - | Member |
| xv) Secretary, Deptt. of Women & Child Development
Govt. of Odisha | - | Member |
| xvi) Secretary, Deptt. of Women & Child Development
Govt. of Kerala | - | Member |
| xvii) Collector & District Magistrate, Beed District,
Maharashtra | - | Member |
| xviii) Collector & District Magistrate, Mewat District,
Haryana | - | Member |
| xix) Representative, Beti Bachao Andolan, Bhoomika
Vihar, Patna, Bihar | - | Member |
| xx) Representative, MAMTA, New Delhi | - | Member |
| xxi) Representative, FARR, Bhubaneswar, Odisha | - | Member |
| xxii) Representative, PRIA, New Delhi | - | Member |
| xxiii) Dr KT Arasu, Director, Alternative for India
Development, Chennai | - | Member |
| xxiv) Ms Akhila Shivdas, Centre for Advocacy &
Research, New Delhi | - | Member |
| xxv) Representative, Population Foundation of India,
New Delhi | - | Member |

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This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

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