

GB-15/1/2019-Gender Budgeting  
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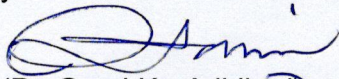
Dated: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Record of Discussions of the Meetings with the select Central Ministries/Departments held on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 on Strengthening Reporting in the Gender Budget Statement 2023-24 – Regarding**

The undersigned is directed to refer to the meetings convened by the Ministry of Women and Child Development with select Central Ministries/Departments on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 under the chairpersonship of Secretary, M/o Women and Child Development, on strengthening reporting in the Gender Budget Statement 2023-24, and enclose herewith the Record of Discussions (RoD) of the said meetings for necessary information and action.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
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**To**  
**Secretaries (23 Ministries/Departments), Government of India**  
*- As per the list*

*Copy for information to:*

1. Sr. PPS to Secretary, MWCD
2. PPS to Statistical Adviser, MWCD
3. All participants



**List of Select Ministries/Departments**

1. Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
2. Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises
3. Ministry of Food Processing Industries
4. Ministry of Home Affairs
5. Ministry of Panchayati Raj
6. Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
7. Ministry of Tourism
8. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
9. Department of Food & Public Distribution
10. Department of Consumer Affairs
11. Legislative Department, Ministry of Law & Justice
12. Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice
13. Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice
14. Department of Bio-technology, Ministry of Science & Technology
15. Department of Financial Services
16. Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation,  
Ministry of Jal Shakti
17. Ministry of Railways
18. Ministry of Coal
19. Ministry of Mines
20. Department of Telecommunications
21. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
22. Ministry of Cooperation
23. Department of Pharmaceuticals



**Record of Discussions of the Meetings  
with Central Ministries/ Departments held on 23<sup>rd</sup>& 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 on  
Strengthening Reporting in the Gender Budget Statement 2023-24**

With the aim to strengthen reporting in the Gender Budget Statement (GBS), the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) as the nodal Ministry for Gender Budgeting, convened two meetings with select Central Ministries/Departments on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 under the chairpersonship of Secretary, M/o Women and Child Development (MWCD) at Conference Room No. 602, A-Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. List of participants is at **Annex-1**.

2. At the outset, Statistical Advisor (MWCD), welcomed the officers from the Central Ministries/ Departments and outlined the purpose of the meeting. He informed that according to the Budget Circular 2023-24 of the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, all Ministries/Departments are required to prepare and submit a Gender Budget Statement (*Statement 13 in Expenditure Profile*) in the prescribed format. It was also informed that as the nodal Ministry for Gender Budgeting, MWCD has initiated a handholding exercise to support Ministries to enhance reporting in the GBS. In this regard, D.O. Letters (No. GB-11/2/2020 dated 26 April 2022) have been sent to select Ministries/Departments (who have not reported in GBS during 2022-23) with gender budget analysis of their schemes/programmes and necessary guidance to report in the GBS.

3. While addressing the participants, Secretary (MWCD) conveyed that MWCD aims to achieve 100% coverage of Gender Budgeting across all Ministries/Departments and States/UTs, under the newly launched Mission Shakti for empowerment of women. He called upon the participating Ministries/Departments to undertake a close review of their schemes/programmes with a gender lens, and ensure reporting in the GBS for FY 2023-24. He stated that under the directions of Hon'ble Prime Minister, a lot of efforts are being undertaken for women-led development and promotion of gender equality across sectors and money spent on these efforts must be reflected in the GBS.

4. A presentation was made by MWCD wherein the purpose and approach to Gender Budgeting was explained to include gender perspective in planning and budgeting processes. Also, current status and trend of gender budget allocations during last few years was shared. Following this, discussions were held with each Ministry/Department on their extant schemes, and possible reporting in GBS after due gender budget analysis. The discussion and action points of the meeting are given as under:

- (i). It was emphasised that the Gender Budget Statement (GBS) (Statement 13) is an important tool to review budgetary allocations of the Government from a gender perspective and the only published document that provides information on how much the Central Government is spending for women's empowerment and gender equality.
- (ii). It was highlighted that 41 Ministries/Departments/UTs have reported allocations of Rs.1,71,000.47 Crore in the GBS 2022-23 which was approximately 4.3% of the total Union Budget in FY 2022-23. This proportion was found to be very high in



States like Odisha (35%), Madhya Pradesh (34%), Andhra Pradesh (21%) and Kerala (21%) among others.

- (iii). It was noted that many Central Ministries/Departments that have schemes which directly or indirectly impact women, do not report in the GBS. As a result, the estimation of budget allocation for women, and expenditure made by the Government is not getting captured correctly.
  - (iv). It was highlighted that all schemes/programmes having 100% allocations for women are required to be reported in Part A of the GBS (Statement 13) as per the format prescribed (*Ref. Annexure XVIII of the Budget Circular 2023-24 of the D/o Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance dated 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2022*). For other schemes which are not entirely for women but have at least 30% provision for women, related proportion of budget allocation are to be identified and reported in Part B of GBS.
  - (v). The Central Ministries/Departments were advised that in respect of all beneficiary-oriented schemes having less than 100% provisions towards women, proportion of budget allocation based on proportion of female beneficiaries may be reported in Part B of GBS provided it is equal to or more than 30% of the scheme budget allocation. For non-beneficiary-oriented schemes, an estimate of the share of female users/women involved in any activity may be made, and accordingly apportioning of the budget allocation may be undertaken and reported in the GBS with a footnote.
  - (vi). It was noted that some of the Ministries/Departments e.g., D/o Food and Public Distribution, D/o Financial Services, M/o Railways, M/o Panchayati Raj, M/o Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, M/o Tourism, D/o Telecommunications, D/o Justice, etc., who *hitherto* do not report or report negligibly in the GBS, have huge potential to enhance reporting in respect of the extant schemes/programmes which are benefitting significant number of women.
  - (vii). Representative from M/o Petroleum & Natural Gas highlighted the challenge of reporting in GBS since the Ministry receives allocation under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana only at RE stage, and hence it is not being reflected in the GBS. It was suggested that the Ministry may review whether based on previous year's data, an estimate can be provided in the GBS. The Ministry was advised that figures reported in budget are called budget estimates, and are based on previous year's performance. Accordingly, based on the numbers of the previous year, estimated amount can be given.
  - (viii). Secretary (MWCD) stated that the Ministry is ready to do further handholding of all Central Ministries/Departments, which require further clarity on GB concepts and methodology and are finding it difficult to report in the GBS. Several Ministries/Departments welcomed this offer. It was decided that MWCD will provide the requisite support to all these Ministries/Departments
5. The meetings ended with vote of the thanks to the Chair.

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### Annex-1: List of Participants

**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022**

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14.	Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises	Reeta Yadav, Deputy Director, Budget	Reetayadav91@gov.in

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

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