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D.O. No.15/6/2019-O/o Statistical Advisor

Dated: 22nd July, 2020

Dear Madam,

Kindly refer to this Ministry's D.O. No. SU/1/2020-O/o. DD dated 18th May 2020 regarding the status of progress w.r.t. the indicators of the Global Gender Gap Index and the Gender Inequality Index (copy enclosed at **Annex I**). Gender Budgeting is a significant tool to monitor these indicators and improve our ranking on global gender indices. Gender Budgeting mitigates gender gaps arising out of the differential impact that policies/ programmes and budgets have on women and men.

2. Ministry of Women and Child Development, as the Nodal Ministry for Gender Budgeting, has enabled Gender Budget Cells and Gender Budget Statement (GBS), since 2005-06. It is indeed encouraging to note that in GBS published by MoF in FY 2020-21, your Department has reported 12 schemes under Part B (schemes with 30-99% gender component) amounting to Rs. 27,271.27 Cr. There is immense scope within your Department to plan and budget for women, given the healthcare needs of women and girls. To strengthen the process, I would request your Department to address the following:

- i. **Constitute a Gender Budget Cell** to facilitate gender responsiveness in the Department's policies/programmes. A Charter for Gender Budget Cells was developed by the Ministry of Finance on 8th March 2007 to provide guidelines for enhanced functioning of a Gender Budget Cell which may augment this process (Enclosed at **Annex II**).
- ii. MWCD conducted a gender analysis of your Department's schemes/programmes, based on the secondary information available. I request your Department to review this analysis as well as some questions provided for your Department to conduct a gender analysis accordingly **identify the scope of enhancing gender responsiveness of your Department in the Union Budget 2021-22**. (Enclosed at **Annex III**).
- iii. **Designated Nodal Officer for Gender Budgeting**, Sh. Nilambujan Sharan, Economic Advisor (communicated to MWCD vide letter Z.15022/01/2017-BP(Part I) dated 18th October, 2018) to arora.prabha@nic.in with a copy to mwcdgenderbudgeting@gmail.com, may be confirmed.
- iv. MWCD constituted a Broad-Based Committee for Gender Analysis and Budgeting on 11.11.2019 to suggest action and move forward with Gender Budgeting, of which your Department is a part of. It is requested that the official who has been designated to be a part of this committee, attend all meetings of the aforementioned committee, thereby affirming sustainability and enhancing efforts toward Gender Budgeting.

3. This Ministry is of the view that each and every sector has an impact on the lives of women and girls. I hope our collaborative efforts pave way for enhanced allocations for women and girls and improve India's ranking on global gender indices thereby enhancing gender equality in our country.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Encl: : as above

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