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

Dated: 22nd July, 2020

Dear Sir,

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 Ministry has reported 11 schemes under Part B (schemes with 30-99% gender component) amounting to Rs. 379.70 Cr. There is immense scope within your Ministry to plan and budget for women, given the potential to enhance female labour force participation through the textile industry. To strengthen the process, I would request your Ministry to address the following:

- i. **Strengthen the Gender Budget Cell and conduct the first meeting** to facilitate gender responsiveness in the Ministry's policies/programmes (communicated to MWCD vide letter 27/02/2018-ED (Text) dated 25th September, 2018). 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 Ministry's schemes/programmes, based on the secondary information available. Your Ministry may like to review this analysis as well as some questions provided for your Ministry to conduct a gender analysis accordingly **identify the scope of enhancing gender responsiveness of your Ministry in the Union Budget 2021-22**. (Enclosed at **Annex III**).
- iii. To **designate a Nodal Officer to enhance coordination and sustained efforts towards Gender Budgeting**, not below the rank of a Director/Deputy Secretary and forward the details (name, designation, contact details and email-id) to arora.prabha@nic.in with a copy to mwcdgenderbudgeting@gmail.com.

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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Encls : as above

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