

Why do daughters go missing – A set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Gender biased sex selection.

This booklet compiles Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on gender- biased sex selection and aims to create awareness amongst the community on the issue.

The booklet may be circulated to a range of stakeholders involved in Act Implementation as part of the sensitization and capacity-building programs. These may include medical professionals, media representatives, Judicial officers, Prosecutors and other stakeholders.

It attempts to answer basic questions such as what is gender-based sex selection, how is gender biased sex selection done, what are the root causes of sex selection, what is the impact of sex selection etc. It also makes it clear that parents do not have the right to choose the sex of future children, and that abortion is legal whereas sex selection is against the law.

The booklet highlights what individuals can do as parents, siblings, family members, friends and professionals – teachers, doctors, lawyers, judges, NGO workers, administrators, elected representatives, journalists, etc. to create awareness about the issue and promote equality between girls and boys in their surroundings.