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At first, document 1 is an extract from/excerpt from a news report entitled "The Dark Legacy of Sex Selection" taken from Access Asia, a show broadcast/aired on the France 24 channel. It relates that India's population counts far more males than females due to sex-selective abortion, an illegal procedure which consists in parents' deciding to terminate women's pregnancies after finding out they expect girls instead of boys. Indeed, for many years and decades, many Indians still consider the birth of a girl as a burden because of/owing to the dowry the family has to pay when she marries a man; besides men are the only ones to work and earn money in many traditional families. Therefore/Accordingly, according to official studies, the nation is short of/lacks 16 million women, causing a massive gender imbalance in the country's population.

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Last but not least, Document C is composed of two parts – A & B – showing figures and statistics. On the one hand document A shows how expensive/costly/onerous medical sex selection is, via document A: indeed, whatever the laboratory technique, selecting your baby's gender costs between \$600 and \$6,000. On the other hand, document B is a graph from CIA World Factbooks which represents the sex ratio by country of children under 15. Alas/unfortunately, it shows a clear-cut difference/discrepancy/disparity between the number of boys and girls in the numerous countries. Hence/Consequently, one can guess/deduce/infer such a difference in numbers also echoes/ mirrors and parallels the social inequalities between both sexes. Such a graph may lead the viewers to think gender-selective abortion can be practiced in many parts of the world.

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