

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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NATIONAL POLICY FOR WOMEN, 2016

2789. SHRIMATHI K.MARGATHAM:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently drafted the National Policy for Women, 2016 and released it for stakeholders' comments and consultations;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether the policy is likely to address concerns such as taboos that surround single woman including social ostracization and institutional indifference and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the present status of the policy along with the time by which the same is likely to be finalised?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

- (a) to (d) Yes Madam. The Draft Policy emphasises on mindset change through advocacy campaigns, multi-sectoral actions, awareness raising and community mobilization on the ground through programmes and schemes. Targeted multi-media campaigns is one of the key operational strategies for the policy implementation. Gender Sensitisation and non-discrimination in the portrayal of women has been envisaged to ensure that women are not represented in a demeaning or stereotypical manner. Similarly, Social empowerment mechanisms have also been envisaged designed to create an enabling environment, which addresses their vulnerabilities, creates opportunities and improves their overall condition. A Draft Policy has been prepared after considering suggestion/comments received from stakeholders etc.
