

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 51
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2017

NATIONAL POLICY FOR WOMEN

51. SHRI V.ELUMALAI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has prepared the draft National Policy for Women, 2016 and is being examined by a Group of Ministers and if so, the salient features thereof;
- (b) whether the draft policy envisages review of personal laws in accordance with constitutional provisions and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present status of the policy along with the time by which it is likely to be finalised ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

- (a) Yes Madam. The Ministry of Women and Child Development has prepared the draft National Policy for Women, 2017 in consultation with various stakeholders. The draft was examined and approved by the Group of Ministers. The Draft envisions a society in which, women attain their full potential and are able to participate as equal partners in all spheres of life. The draft Policy addresses the diverse needs of women through identified priority areas: (i) Health including Food Security and Nutrition; (ii) Education; (iii) Economy (including agriculture, industry, labour, employment, NRI women, soft power, service sector, science and technology); (iv) Governance and Decision Making; (v) Violence Against Women; (vi) Enabling Environment (including housing, shelter and infrastructure, drinking water and sanitation, media and culture, sports and social security); and (vii) Environment and Climate Change.
- (b) Draft Policy envisages that existing legislations affecting/relating to women will be harmonized in accordance with Constitutional provisions and international commitments, in order to enhance their effectiveness.
- (c) After incorporating, comments/suggestion of Group of Ministers, the National Policy for Women, 2017 has been sent to Cabinet Secretariat to place before the Cabinet.
