

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3737**  
ANSWERED ON 03.01.2019

**Gender Responsive Governance**

3737. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government recently sent a delegation to Netherlands for a round table deliberations on Gender Responsive Governance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the topics discussed and specific training provided during the said deliberations; and
- (c) the manner in which the Government has been integrating some of the important policy recommendations of UN Women on the theme of 'Enhancing Gender Responsive Governance'?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ  
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b) Yes. Two member official delegation from the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India participated in the Roundtable deliberation cum training on Gender Responsive Governance with accompanied field visits, organized by UN Women (Multi – Country Office, India), UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, at Hague Academy for Local Governance, Hague during 17-19 October, 2018. The deliberations focused on gender-sensitive strategies and planning for inclusive local governance; gender analysis, mainstreaming, budgeting, equitable service delivery, socio-economic empowerment, meaningful participation, transformative change and engaging men and addressing inter-sectionality in complex cultural and religious settings etc. along with evaluation of policies and programmes.

(c) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) and UN Women partnership has worked towards strengthening and engendering the mechanisms of local governance. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishing the partnership has been signed to strengthen capacities of governance institutions including Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) to better leverage opportunities created for gender equity and women's empowerment through legislation, policies and programmes. Elements for enhancing gender responsive governance have been incorporated in new guidelines for preparation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP).

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