

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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EVALUATE THE PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN

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

- (a) whether the National Commission for Women (NCW) has visited various States to evaluate the progress of the development of women in the country;
- (b) if so, the findings thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether NCW has submitted its reports to the Government in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the future course of action, if any, decided by the NCW/Government?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a),(b)&(c) Yes, Sir. National Commission for Women has informed that it visited States/Union Territories (UTs) and organized review meetings/consultations in the States/UTs with the Chief Secretaries of the States, Secretaries of the different departments of the State, State Women Commissions, Director Generals of Police and other police officers and NGOs to evaluate the progress of women in the country and prepared Gender Profiles. The general findings for each of the States show that problems faced by women are low levels of education, poor access to health care, low social status, economic backwardness and violence like dowry demands, rape, female foeticide etc.

(d) The Chairperson and Members of NCW review the status of women in the States by holding meetings with the Chief Secretary and other officers during their visits to various States. NCW also sponsors Public Hearings and Research on various issues related to the status of women. Important issues such as declining sex ratio, child marriage, health issues pertaining to women, educational and literacy status etc., are reviewed by NCW regularly as per its mandate.