

No. 4-5/2009-WW(HLC)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Women & Child Development

Shastri Bhavan, A Wing,  
Dr. R.P Road, New Delhi-110001,  
Dated the 21st May, 2013

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NOTIFICATION

The Government of India had set up a High Level Committee on the Status of Women to undertake comprehensive study to understand the status of Women since 1989 as well as to evolve appropriate policy interventions based on a contemporary assessment of women's needs vide this Ministry's Resolutions No. 4-5/2009-WW dated the 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 and 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 comprising of Chairperson, Member Secretary and seventeen Members.

2. Consequent upon the resignation of the Chairperson, Member Secretary and three Members of the Committee, the High Level Committee is reconstituted as under:-

1	Dr. Pam Rajput	Chairperson
2	Dr. Simrit Kaur	Member
3	Ms. Razia A.R Patel	Member
4	Dr. Mridul Eapen	Member
5	Ms. Manira Pinto	Member
6	Ms. Monisha Behal	Member
7	Ms. Kavita Kuruganti	Member
8	Prof. Darshini Mahadevia	Member
9	Dr. Amita Baviskar	Member
10	Ms. Bindu Ananth	Member
11	Ms. Rita Sarin	Member
12	Dr. Ravi Verma	Member
13	Dr. R Govinda	Member
14	Secretary(WCD)	Member Secretary

3. The terms of Reference of the above High Level Committee shall remain as follows:-
- The HLC will conduct an intensive literature survey to take stock of published data, reports, articles and research from about 1989 onwards, on the status of Women in India.
  - The HLC will prepare a report on the current socio-economic, political and legal status of Women in India. The Report will also bring out the interconnectedness of these aspects in terms of their impact on women and recommend measures for holistic empowerment of women.



- c) The HLC will examine the overall status of women including, inter- alia, the socio-economic, health and nutritional, legal and political status, disaggregated by rural/urban, economic and social position (e.g. APL/BPL, SC/ST, single women, disabled women, migrant women) and wherever possible by minority status e.g muslims/others). The analysis would take account of cross-regional differences and focus on inequalities both within and outside the household. It would also assess the impact made by existing policies and legislative changes on equality in policy and legislation as well gaps in implementation.
- d) The HLC will, inter-alia, examine:
- i) Women's access to and participation in formal and informal paid employment, emerging areas of participation, geographical pattern of their economic activity, unpaid work/ care economy, etc.
  - ii) Their asset base and income levels, access to and control over property, land and other productive resources.
  - iii) Access to micro- finance, bank credit training and skill up gradation, marketing etc. and constraints on increase in productivity.
  - iv) Social attitude to women and changes therein, discrimination as reflected in declining sex ratio in different age groups, age at marriage, involvement in decision making and changes in the extent and nature of violence and abuse of women, both within and outside the house and other forms of discrimination on account of customary practices.
  - v) Level of socio-economic development in terms of relevant indicators of health, nutrition and education.
  - vi) Impact of laws on women and gaps in respect of laws which are directly focused on women as well as those which affect women indirectly. While doing so, the Committee would also look into women's awareness of the laws, access to law, women's inability to use laws effectively, sensitivity of law enforcement agencies as well as the judiciary, role of caste panchayats and other customary practice, condition of women in prisons and other custodial institutions.
  - vii) Change in women's political status with respect to their participation in panchayats, states legislature and parliament, the nature and extent of participation, challenges and impact of change in women's political status on their socio- economic empowerment.
  - viii) Assess the impact of major women centric programmes and schemes on improving the overall status of women including, inter- alia, socio-economic, health, and nutritional, legal and political.
  - ix) Any other issue that the Committee may think is of relevance, within the above framework, for the status of women.
- e) The Committee would identify areas of intervention and recommend measures for affirmative action by the Government for the holistic empowerment of women.
- f) The reconstituted Committee will complete its assignment and present its report to the Ministry of Women and Child Development within two years.



- g) During its tenure and prior to submission of the final Report, the HLC may bring out working papers/ background papers.
- h) The Committee will devise its own procedure to conduct the study.
4. The High Level Committee will be provided all possible assistance by all Ministries/ Department and other bodies under the Government to ensure timely collection of data and information to facilitate their task.
5. The HLC may invite such person (s) as it deems appropriate, to participate in any of its meetings as special invitee(s).
6. The office of the Committee is located at 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Crescent Tower, office of the Central Social Welfare Board, 12, Qutub Institutional Area, Satsang Vihar, New Delhi-110067.
7. The terms and conditions in respect of reconstituted High Level Committee, including entitlements of Chairperson, Member Secretary and Members will be issued separately.
8. The expenditure involved is being borne by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

  
(Amit Ray)  
Director

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of the Notification be communicated to:-

- i) The Chairperson, Members and Member Secretary of the High Level Committee.
- ii) All the Ministers/ Department of the Government of India and to all State Government /UT Administrations.
- iii) Executive Director, Central Social Welfare Board, Crescent Tower, office of the Central Social Welfare Board, 12, Qutub Institutional Area, Satsang Vihar, New Delhi-110067

Ordered also that the Notification be published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) for general information.

  
(Amit Ray)  
Director

To

The Manager  
Government of India Press  
Mayapuri, New Delhi.