



## Draft National Policy for Women 2017 envisions participation of women as equal partners in all spheres of life

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As a commitment towards fulfilling the larger mandate of women's empowerment, the Ministry of Women and Child Development has prepared the draft National Policy for Women, 2017 in consultation with various stakeholders to deal with significant changes with regard to the status and empowerment of women. 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, 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.

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.

This information was given by Minister of State for Women and Child Development, Dr. Virendra Kumar in reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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