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(R&S Cell)

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Sub: Issues/Topics/Priority Areas of the Commission for conducting Seminars and undertaking Special Studies/Research in 2014-15.

Under Section 10(1)(h) of the National Commission for Women Act, 1990, the Commission is required to undertake promotional and educational research so as to suggest ways of ensuring due representation of women in all spheres and to identify factors responsible for impeding their advancement. The Commission collaborates with Govt., Semi Govt. organizations, Universities, Non Governmental organizations etc. to undertake Research, Studies, Seminars/ Workshops etc to implement the mandate.

2. In this regard, Organizations/Institutions selected by the Commission will be supported to conduct/undertake such activities. A list of Issues/Topics/Priority Areas identified for conducting Seminars and undertaking Special Studies/Research in the year 2014-15 is given below:-

A. Seminars/Workshops

- (i) Surrogacy viz –a viz Women Rights, –Ethical issues, Surrogacy-Boon or Bane, Amendments to the proposed Assisted Reproductive Technology (Bill) 2013.
- (ii) Empowerment of Women viz a viz Property Rights, Patriarchal Property Rights etc.
- (iii) Constraints faced by differently abled Women in their access to Services and Education.
- (iv) Sexual Harassment at Workplace for urban/rural women workers
- (v) Issues related to marginalized women/single women and women in difficult circumstances.
- (vi) Acid Attack – aftermath and rehabilitation of victims.
- (vii) Issues & Challenges faced by Sportswomen at various levels.

- viii) Women Entrepreneurs –Challenges and Solutions with focus on SMEs.
- ix) Safety and Security of Women in Educational Institutes/Public Spaces/Transport etc.
- x) *Women and Access to Information.*
- xi) *Disparities/Discrimination faced by Women in Indian Politics.*
- xii) *Awareness of Women towards Electoral Processes in the State of Uttar Pradesh.*
- xiii) *Women Empowerment – Youth Perspective.*
- xiv) *Capacity Building of Indian Women Farmers.*
- xv) *Condition of Women in Unorganized Sector.*
- xvi) *Empowering the Empowered: Women in Panchayati Raj.*

B. Special Studies/Research.

- i) Effective Implementation of Criminal Amendment Act 2013.
- ii) Exploitation of Women in the name of Tradition Culture eg Devdasi system.
- iii) Review of the Maternity Benefit Act and other related child care provisions for working women.
- iv) A Study on Gender Bias/Non-Sexual Harassment faced by Women Employees in Government Sector/non government sector.
- v) Effect of alcoholism and drug abuse on Women in states of Punjab/Kerala/UP/Haryana.
- vi) Study to assess the Effectiveness of Ujjawala Scheme for Rescue and Rehabilitation of Women who survive Trafficking.
- vii) *Study the reasons for increasing participation of women in anti-establishment movements.*
- viii) *Challenges in the use of ICT for Economic Empowerment of Rural Women.*
- ix) *Nutrition of Women and Adolescent Girls: the hindrances.*
- x) *Barriers in Access to Economic Resources – with reference to Women in minority communities.*

- x) *Protection Officer under DVP Act: How far they are successful in providing solace to the victims.*
- xii) *Caste and Gender: Violence Against Women in Caste based Society (Bihar, Delhi, Orissa, Rajasthan).*
- xiii) *Deserted Women in Mewat, Haryana and Rajasthan.*
- xiv) *Women and Superstitions (Chattishgarh, Jharkhand, UP, MP, Delhi, Rajasthan).*
- xv) *Study on the Issues/Challenges in Rehabilitation of Sex Workers.*

C. Special Studies/Research (for North Eastern Region)

- i) *Study of the Criminal Justice System [both formal Criminal Justice System and the Customary System at the Village level for dispensing justice] prevalent in each North Eastern States.*
- ii) *Study of the Civil laws (i) Customary Laws of Inheritance and (ii) Customary Laws of Marriage/Divorce that are prevalent in each of the NE States and steps taken to Codify the Customary Civil Laws and recommendations with respect to the extent which bridging the NE Customary Laws could be modified/bridged with Central Legislation.*
- ii) *Trafficking and Safe Migration in NE States with specific focus on Assam, Manipur and Mizoram.*
- iii) *Study on 'Look -East Policy' vis-a-vis trade and other entrepreneurial opportunities for women traders in NE States and how to equip women groups to prepare themselves for the opportunities that would be thrown up under this policy.*

3. State Women Commissions, Universities/Research Bodies/ Institutions and reputed NGOs etc may forward the proposals for conducting Research Studies and Seminars/Workshops on the above topics/issues to Member Secretary, National Commission for Women, 4 Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg, New Delhi-110002.

4. The organizations may refer to NCW website www.ncw.nic.in for the financial norms as well as documentary requirements. However, keeping in view the subject and topics given above, the organizations may also submit the application in prescribed format alongwith background note, expected outcome of the programme, experience in working on the

topics proposed alongwith other documents like certified copy of Registration Certificate, certified copy of Memorandum of Association, certified copies of three years Annual Report, certified copies of three years Audited Statement of Accounts etc.

5. Incomplete applications or applications received after the last date will not be entertained. The Commission reserves the right to select the organization based on their eligibility, capability, area of work, expertise etc. No correspondence on reasons for non selection of proposal will be entertained.



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