

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS**

[English]

Consumer Organisations

*405. PROF. UMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government assess the legitimacy and strength of consumer rights organisations before involving them in formulation of policy on consumer matters;

(b) if so, the manner by which their membership and registration are scrutinized; and

(c) the procedures presently adopted by the Government to determine the strength and legitimacy of consumer organisations?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c). In formulation of policies on consumer matters, the Ministry takes the views/recommendations of the Central Consumer Protection Council into consideration. A number of consumer organisations are represented on this Council from different parts of the country. The basic criteria for nominating consumer organisations on the Council is that they should have experience in the field of consumer protection.

**National Perspective Plan for
Women**

*406. SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA: Will the Minister of HUMAN

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the State Governments have been asked to implement the recommendations made in the National Perspective Plan for Women; and

(b) if so, the response of the State Governments and the extent to which these recommendations have been implemented in each State?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Core Group set up in January, 1987 under the Chairmanship of the then Minister of State for Women and Child Development drafted the National Perspective Plan for Women 1988-2000 A.D. The Core Group presented the National Perspective Plan for Women to the Department on 9th October, 1988. The National Perspective Plan is a long term overall guiding policy document for the holistic development of the Indian women guided by the Constitutional provisions, Principles and Directives relevant to the developmental process. The Plan aims at the overall development and integration of women into the mainstream of the economy ensuring equity and social justice for all women. The National Perspective Plan contains 353 recommendations dealing with rural development, agriculture, employment and training, supportive services, fuel fodder water, creche/day care centre, housing, education, health and family welfare, legislation, political participation and the decision making, media and communication and voluntary action. Some of these recommendations have long term and short term policy and