

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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INTEGRATED WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of proposals on Integrated Women Empowerment Programme received in his Ministry from the Non-Governmental Organisations including Upkar Sansthan of Rajasthan during the last three years;
- (b) whether some proposals out of them are still pending with the Government for approval;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefore; and
- (d) the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) No programme in the name of Integrated Women Empowerment is being funded by this Ministry. As such no proposal has been received on Integrated Women Empowerment Programme. However, the schemes handled in the NGO Division like Mother NGO Scheme, Innovative Projects and Support to Gender Issues (SGI) Project have a component for empowerment of women.

A proposal was received from the organisation Upkar Sansthan, Alwar, Rajasthan for funding under the UNFPA assisted 'Support to Gender Issues', Project. The Grant-in-Aid Committee of the Department of Family Welfare in July, 1999 considered the proposal, subsequent to which the organisation was requested to submit a revised proposal, which has since been received.

(b) to (d) Meanwhile, on account of financial crunch, the UNFPA has stopped supporting any new proposal under the Project 'Support to Gender Issues'.