

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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MADHAVRAO SCINDIA

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the UN Summit at New York held in September,2000, expressed deep concern on the continuing and growing violence and discrimination against women in the world and resolved to combat all forms of gender-discrimination;
- (b) the status of women in India as brought home to the UN Summit; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) The UN Millennium Declaration adopted by consensus at the UN Summit includes the following references:

1. In para 20 resolve is expressed to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, as effective ways to combat poverty, hunger and disease and to stimulate development that is truly sustainable.
2. In para 25 under Human Rights, Democracy and Good Governance, resolve is expressed to combat all forms of violence against women and to implement the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women.

(b) No report on the status of women in India was prepared or submitted specifically for the UN Summit.

(c) India is already a signatory to the UN Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women. India's first report on the implementation of the Convention in the country was considered by the UN Committee under the Convention in January 2000.