

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

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

- (a) whether the Regional Consultation Workshop on Women was held in Bangalore on 10th December, 2001;
- (b) if so, whether the Workshop has appealed the Union Government to steer the Tenth Five Year Plan towards a gender sensitive and people-centred plan with focus on decentralized empowerment of communities concentrating on grass root-level participation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with other main decisions taken in the Workshop;
- (d) whether the Government have considered these suggestions; and
- (e) if so, the steps being taken to implement the same?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. As a part of the initiative of UN inter- agency Working Group on Gender and Development the World Bank had organized the Southern Regional Consultation Meet for Engendering the 10th Five Year Plan at Bangalore on 10- 11 December 2001.
- (b)&(c) The Workshop made a number of recommendations on education, health, employment and anti-poverty schemes for women as also on gender mainstreaming of governance and the convergence of services at the grass-root level.
- (d)&(e) Planning Commission is using these recommendations along with recommendations of other Working Groups, for the preparation of the 10th Five Year Plan.