

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4031  
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2002  
AGNI PAREEKSHA OF WOMEN  
SHANKAR PRASAD JAISWAL

**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `bank to barbarism` appearing in Pioneer dated the July 9, 2002;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) whether the National Commission for Women has submitted any report in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to avert such incidents in future?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

- (a) & (b) Yes Sir. According to the news-item, a newly wedded woman in Indore was subjected to Agni Pareeksha by placing a red-hot iron rod on her palms to prove her fidelity.
- (c) No Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) The law enforcing agencies are vigilant to avert recurrence of such incidents in future.