

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5557
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NATIONAL POLICY ON WOMEN
RAJO SINGH

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

- (a) whether the Government have finalised the draft of national policy on the women empowerment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of States included under the 5 0 million dollars project meant for the development of rural women and their empowerment;
- (d) whether Bihar State has not been included in the said project; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) A draft National Policy for the Empowerment of Women has been finalised and is awaiting approval of the Government.
- (c) The Rural Women Development and Empowerment Project (Swa-Shakti) Project covers the States of Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.
- (d) No, Sir. Bihar has been included in the Project.
- (e) Does not arise.