

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:857
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INDEPENDENT IDENTITY TO WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that women in the country are not getting independent identity in the family and society
- (b) if so, action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether all the Ministries and Departments have requested to include mother's name in all the certificates and official documents; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response received by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a)&(b) Government is aware of the need for independent identity for women in the family and society. The Government has taken various steps for the overall development and empowerment of women to raise their status in the society.

(c)&(d) In pursuance of a matter of Urgent Public Importance (Special Mention) raised in Rajya Sabha on 18.8.2005 by Shri K. Rama Mohana Rao, MP, the Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD) has requested all Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to take appropriate affirmative action to include the name of mother in all certificates and other documents which fall under their purview. The responses so far received by DWCD indicate that the matter raised is being widely circulated by them for appropriate action.