

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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NEW AGENDA OF NCW
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Commission for Women (NCW) has launched any new programme with a focus on various issues relating to women in rural India especially the girl child; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) The NCW has launched a programme 'Chalo Gaon Ki Ore' in February, 2006 to make the rural women aware of their rights, health problems, violence and ill-treatment meted out to them, Government schemes for their upliftment, availability of free legal aid, their rights in various Acts like the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, the Right to Information Act, the Dowry Prohibition Act and the Child Marriage Restraint Act etc.

With regard to the girl child, the NCW has informed that it had launched a campaign 'Bal Vivah Virodhi Abhiyan' in 2005 with focus on the States of Rajasthan, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. The NCW urged the said State Governments to take various steps to prevent child marriages, such as: constitution of village/panchayat level committees, civil registration of marriages where possible, monetary incentive to parents to send their daughters to schools instead of getting them married early. The representatives of NCW visited these States and held discussions with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police about the strategies to be adopted to stop the menace of child marriage.