

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2471
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2004
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
Singh Smt. Pratibha

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Commission for Women has studied the condition of women bamboo workers;
- (b) if so, the details of the recommendations;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide social security viz. pension, insurance and health etc. to the said workers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) to (d):A statement is annexed.

Statement referred in reply to Part (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2471 for 16.8.2004 by Smt. Pratibha Singh regarding National Commission for Women.

(a)to(d):The National Commission for Women organized a public hearing on the impact of globalization on women bamboo workers on 26.9.2003 at Malayattor, Kerala. The recommendations include

- (i) ensure regular employment through supply of quality bamboos at subsidized prices,
- (ii) to provide pension and medical aid to the workers,
- (iii) enhance the concept of multi-skilling,
- (iv) use of bamboo products in the Departments like railways, shipping, defence and road-transport,
- (v)establish global linkages for better marketing avenues,
- (vi) investment in the research and development wing to improve the quality of products, etc. The Commission has sent these recommendations to the concerned State Government and various Ministries/Departments.

The Government has launched the Unorganised Sector Workers` Social Security Scheme, 2004 on pilot basis in 50 districts for unorganized sector workers including women workers. The list of occupations, inter-alia, includes forestry operations. The benefits under the scheme are old age pension, personal accidental insurance and medical insurance cover.