

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:480  
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WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION WORK  
Mohale Shri Punnulal

**Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote the participation of women in construction work;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has included this issue in its `National Housing Policy`;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA )

(a)to(d): Yes, Sir. The proposed policy seeks skill upgradation and induction of women at supervisory levels in the construction work and also encourage women as contractors. Public agencies are expected to take a lead in this. The proposed policy further provide that enrollment of women on a preferential basis will be undertaken in the training institutions, and that adequate provisions for the safety and health of all workers, especially women engaged in construction activities, which are hazardous in nature, would be made by the authorities executive the project.

Use of modern techniques and modern safety equipment will be ensured on construction sites with strict penalties for non-compliance. Support services like creches and temporary accommodation would be provided by the implementing authority at the construction site.

(e): Question does not arise.