

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

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether women organisations have raised objections on the recent statement over women made by the Chairperson of National Commission for Women;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) to (c): As per media reports, some women organisations raised objections on a statement purportedly made by the Chairperson, National Commission for Women (NCW) on 25th February, 2012 in a private function in Jaipur. According to the report, Chairperson, NCW stated that women need not be offended when called sexy and it was merely a compliment that the dictionary defines as beautiful and charming.

The NCW has subsequently informed the Government that the Chairperson mentioned this in the broader context thinking that the younger generation is literate and have certain different approach and have come to terms with word like sexy which is not always held to be derogatory remark, the meaning of which can change in various situations.

Subsequent to the media reports, Chairperson, NCW issued a Press statement clarifying that she had mentioned the word in the broader context and it was not implied that it was acceptable to be used by complete strangers and would be condemnable if done with the intention of outraging modesty.