

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

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GENDER EQUALITY
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is undertaking steps to create awareness and promote gender equality/justice and sensitivity in various Government departments including police, universities and schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures undertaken by the Government to identify and penalise various vigilant groups trying to run their own moral policing against women?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Government addresses the issue of gender equality through a number of women specific legislations, schemes and programmes. Awareness generation for promotion of gender equality and justice is also undertaken through advertisements, programmes like annually conducted Vatsalya Mela etc. National Commission for Women also conducts workshops and seminars to spread awareness on the issue. These are all aimed at bringing necessary changes in the mindsets of the society, including Government Departments, universities and schools.

(c): Any unlawful action of any person/group is punishable under the existing law.