

Some Key Recommendations included:

- Set up a specific mechanism at the State Government to take the local level and district level Plans to the Planning Commission
- Undertake a gender audit, establishing a monitoring mechanism to look into the impact of the Plans, especially on women
- Make provisions to address communicable diseases, such as TB, HIV/AIDS, and Malaria, more effectively
- Make women more visible in agricultural policy, as they are the majority workers. Support them with policy and programme support, focusing on their access to land, decision-making and property rights
- Make all land transfers in the name of women or to groups of women
- Implement a need-based minimum wage by creating a forum wherein the women participate through a tripartite mechanism
- Frame a comprehensive labour policy legislation for the unorganized sector
- Combat VAW by strengthening support systems, including counseling centres, shelter homes and legal resources
- Empower women to take advantage of the latest technology to produce goods and services, not confining economic empowerment to thrift and credit for conventional IGPs
- Develop an engendered policy framework to ensure that all disaster-related responses, whether rescue, relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction, address the gender dimensions

In addition, specific recommendations were made for each of the categories focused upon.

The Western Consultation is scheduled to be held at Ahmedabad on 20th– 22nd July 2006. It will be covering the States/UTs of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh , Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.

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