

Following are some of the key recommendations made for the Planning Commission:

Recommendation 1: Accountability:

- Set up monitoring units resourced with adequate budgetary allocations to periodically hold review meetings and annually convene units of the seven states. Unit Members to consist of representatives from government and civil society with at least 50% women.
- Allocate resources for social monitoring of all schemes and for building the capacity of the monitoring team. Allot a higher percentage of 12-15 % for the NE region, with the Planning Commission initiating and facilitating a survey on existing functioning and non-functioning of public/social services infrastructure. Allocate resources to set up updated facilities to meet the mental health needs in each state, strengthen support services for women victims of violence and set up rapid intervention and care services for women affected and infected by HIV/AIDS.

Recommendation 2: Infrastructure:

Allot a higher percentage of 12-15 % to the region, in order to fully utilize the allocated 10% of the Central Departmental Budgets. Follow-up on the Planning Commission initiated and facilitated survey, by:

- Providing a continuous flow and utilization of funds to the proposed increment of 12-15% from all central ministries and departments for the NE and earmarking 50% of the total outlay for women
- Creating a non-lapsable pool of funds for women from the money which is under spent in relation to gender budgets
- Continuous up gradation of human resource development & continuous flow of technical expertise support system

Recommendation 3: State Support Services:

- Address urgent mental health needs of women and allocate resources for updated facilities
- Strengthen, increase and upgrade state support services for women and girls in terms of shelter and short-stay homes
- Create enabling conditions for ensuring Quality education
- Provide Rapid Intervention and Care Services across states to provide uniform holistic support to women affected and infected by HIV/AIDS

Recommendation 4: Development & Environment:

- Constitute a people's Commission/Think Tank to critique ongoing and forthcoming development interventions in the region
- Constitute a policy to protect Common Property Resources/Rights e.g. water resource, land and forests
- Protect existing forests and promote only micro hydro electricity projects, non-extractive and non-exploitative industries, and alternate energy sources
- Set up patenting and certification authorities in all the states of the North East

Recommendation 5: Entrepreneurship:

- Facilitate a full participation of women in the look east policy vis-à-vis decision-making and equal opportunities in investments, infrastructure, technical expertise, marketing skills and linkages, and livelihoods, including gender sensitive livelihood alternatives, such as Eco-Tourism
- Allocate adequate resources to ensure safety nets for strengthening local women's markets of the region
- Provide special opportunities and support for particularly vulnerable women, such as internally displaced women; women infected and affected by HIV/AIDS; women affected by armed and ethnic conflict and by domestic violence
- Invest in a special package to promote the inherent potential for sports, adventure and creative pursuits of the young women and men of the region