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PREFACE

I take great pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year 2007-08 of the National Commission for Women as envisaged in Section 13 of the National Commission for Women Act, 1990.

During the year under report, the Commission carried forward the activities of the previous year and worked relentlessly towards empowering women by taking up gender issues, suggesting amendments in laws relating to women, taking remedial measures to combat trafficking in women and children, generating awareness about women's legal rights, explaining economic opportunities available to them, redressing grievances of women complainants as well as taking *suo moto* cognizance of incidents of atrocities committed against women with a view to helping women victims.



In accordance with the mandate of the Commission, the Commission reviewed the Sexual Harassment of Women Bill, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, drafted the Domestic Workers Bill, and discussed alleged misuse of 498A of IPC. It also recommended a scheme of relief and rehabilitation for the victims of rape, including offences relating to acid attacks as well as suggested changes in respect of the Dowry prohibition Act, 1961.

The Complaints and Investigation Cell, the core unit of the Commission received a large number of cases of women in distress for redressal of their grievances. Apart from dealing with the complaints, the Commission took up investigation into many cases either taking *suo moto* cognizance or based on complaints of atrocities committed against women, such as murder, rape, sexual assault, harassment at work places, dowry death, eve-teasing, NRI marriages, sale of minor girls to foreign nationals, police brutality, etc. and sent recommendations to the concerned authorities for necessary corrective actions.

During the year 2007-08, the Commission received 15854 complaints. The NCW has also started an online registration of complaints through its website so that the Commission can be accessed from the remotest corners of the country.

During the year, the Commission conducted several Legal Awareness Programmes to impart practical knowledge to women about their basic legal rights and remedies provided under various laws. In addition, the Commission also organized Parivarik Lok Adalats, in collaboration with the State Commissions for Women or the State/District Legal Services Authorities for providing speedy justice to women.

Besides, the Commission organized several workshops, public hearings, conferences and consultations on issues such as Domestic Violence Act, powers of the civil court vested with the Commission, Dayan Pratha, Preventing and Combating Human Trafficking, Interactive meeting with Chairpersons of State Commissions for Women, Domestic Workers Bill, etc.

For a decade, the Commission has been working tirelessly for getting the long pending legislation for 33% reservation for women in Parliament and State Assemblies passed. With that end in view, the Commission organized an interactive session with the Members of Parliament, NGOs, social activists and government officials.

I take this opportunity to record my grateful appreciation for the support given to the Commission by various Ministries of the Government, particularly, the Prime Minister's Office for its unflinching support and concern for women as well as the Ministry of Women and Child Development, various State Governments and State Commissions for Women, my own colleagues of the Commission, its officers and staff, who have made it possible to achieve our goals and objectives for the current year.



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