

Press Note

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The National Commission for Women has taken an initiative to draft a **Bill of Rights** in Consultation with Women Organisations and Sh.Gopal Subramaniam, Sr. Advocate, Member Justice Verma Committee and held a National Consultation to deliberate on the Draft Bill on 6th September, 2013 at NCW. The Consultation was attended by prominent Lawyers, National Women Organisations, State Commissions for Women, Representatives of Disability Groups and various Minority Communities, SC/ST and Dalits etc. The meeting was a follow up of the meeting held on 15th March, 2013 by Chairperson, NCW to take forward the Bill of Rights recommended by the Commission to Justice Verma Committee.

The Draft Bill is a charter that aims to endow women with the Human Rights guaranteed to them in the Constitution of India, International Conventions-CEDAW and ICCPR. The said Bill incorporate various Articles on equality and non-discrimination, right to life and bodily integrity, political and public life, women's health rights, right to marriage and family life, rights of disabled women and girls etc.

After due deliberation, it was decided to organise regional level Consultation to finalize the Draft Bill.