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**PRESS NOTE**

'The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Bill 2005' introduced by the Government in the Lok Sabha was welcomed by Dr. Girija Vyas, Chairperson, National Commission for Women. The Chairperson is of the view that the law on domestic violence is not only an urgent necessity but also reflects the present Government's keen desire to address the issues concerning the rights of women. She also said that in a patriarchal society where women's rights are often denied, the Bill is a progressive piece of legislation, providing much relief to the victim of domestic violence.

The Commission deliberated on the draft Bill since 2001 and had submitted its recommendations to Government.

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