

Consult on Women and Land Rights



Proposal for gender just 11th Five Year Plan

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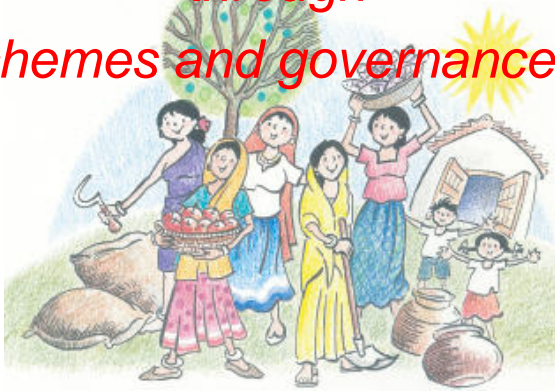
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National Women's Resource Right Agenda

For

Overcoming systemic and budgetary obstacles in ensuring women's rights to resources and sustainable livelihoods

through existing schemes and governance structures



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Premise

Why emphasize on land rights to women?

- Women have been primary tillers /fishers /gatherers
- Lack of other sources of livelihoods, especially for women - Land is indicative, we actually mean all resources
- Women use resources more efficiently / sustainably
- Their names not included into titles, due to patriarchal norms despite legislation in their favour
- Lack of ownership, brings constraints on use and control
- Women contribute to development but do not benefit
- Govt land distribution policies are further alienating poor from land and other natural resources – water
- **Not granting land rights to women is a violation of human rights**
(provided by constitution and international covenants such a Human Rights Declaration , CEDAW)



Preconditions for effective & gender just FYP

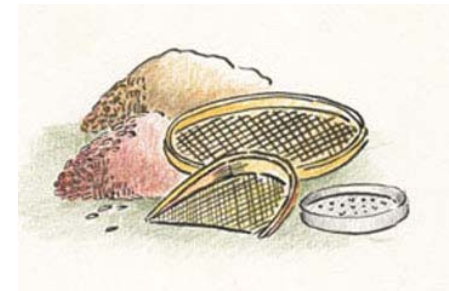
- Framework of substantive equity
- Pro women land reforms (*Strict and time bound implementation of ceiling, inclusion of women's names in land titles, priority to locals*)
- Priority to marginalized sections (Muslims, indigenous, women headed families..)
- Implementation through local self governance (and proposed tripartite labour boards)
- Greater support for women's participation in PRIs / decision making processes
- Gender cells across all ministries



Specific Suggestions

Women's Resource Right Agenda

- Legitimate **access to Land** for all women
- Assured **control over** other complimentary **resources**
comprehensive approach
- Secured Rights to **homestead and housing**
- Women as major decision makers and managers of commons
- Placing *A minimum of* **33% of govt budget** and resources in the hands of women – empowering them
- Developing **Women's Resource Rights Centers** to facilitate WRRRA



Specific Suggestions

- Greater role to women in utilizing budgets of major development schemes (PURA, SGSY, EGS)- reserve funds for women
- Funds reserved for capacity building of women
- Legitimate space for civil society monitoring
- 33% of NLCPR resources for direct benefit to women
- **Research** grants for women friendly technology
- Funds for collecting **gender disaggregate information** about resource utilization (including budgetary provisions) and disseminating



Suggested process

Mapping and analysing existing resources sharing ○



Redistribution and resource sharing plan ●



Programs for developing resources ●



Strengthening Women's Role in Governance ●



Exclusive (33% min) budget in PRIs in women's hands ●



Developing Women Resource Right Centre ●



Enhancing women's productivity and livelihood security ●

Expectations from NPC

- Promote the understanding that land is source of security and protection – in the 11th plan documents
- Demand a stronger legal base for women ownership
- Define and specify women resource base in national and local budgets
- Link of WRRRA to ongoing civil society and workers demands
- Appoint locally hired staff to develop and service the program needs
- Strengthening women inside and outside the PRIs
- Advocate support for implementation mechanisms for women's land and resource rights – policy, laws, programs and administrative means

Next Steps

- Consensus building WRRRA
- Collect, collate and analyse gender disaggregated info on access to resources and identify gaps
- National seminar to plan how to address gaps (WRRP)
- Design and support State Pilots to demonstrate



Next Steps

- State specific studies
- Lobby for and put forward concrete suggestions for next revenue secretary conference (April)
- Minimum non negotiable land reforms agenda
 - A min of half an acre homestead for every woman
 - Revise ceiling – define min ceiling for different groups
 - Bring tenancy in open – revisit tenancy – record tenants
 - Security of fare rent
 - in agriculture, public works equity in wages
 - Prevent alienation of land from communities
 - Integrate indigenous people's agenda
- Endorsement of NDC
- Mobilize State support
- Discussions on key Issues – indigenous womer

