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Rakesh Srivastava  
Secretary



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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001  
Website : <http://www.wcd.nic.in>

D.O. No: SW-47/10/2015-SWADHAR

Dated : 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2018

Dear Sailesh,

You may be aware that the Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed to implement the Report of Committee constituted under the directions of Hon'ble Court by Judgement dated 11.08.2017 in the Writ Petition (c) No. 659/2007 filed by the Environment & Consumer Protection Foundation V/s Union of India & Others. The Report of Expert Committee may be seen at this Ministry's website at <http://www.wcd.nic.in/sites/default/files/Expert%20committee%20report.pdf>. In the above mentioned Report, Para 2.1 of Common Working Plan relates to Common Database of widows which requires that on registration of the death of a male, the name age and contact details of the widows should be recorded and it also states that census data collection should be upgraded with additional indicators on widows.

I shall be grateful if you could take the necessary action to implement the above mentioned Para of Common Working Plan proposed in Expert Committee Report and apprise the Ministry so as to enable us to incorporate in the next Affidavit to be filed soon.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rakesh Srivastava)

**Shri Sailesh,**  
Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India,  
Office of The Registrar General and Census Commissioner,  
2/A, Man Singh Road, New Delhi -110011

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Dear *Shri Durga Shanker,*

You may be aware that the Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed to implement the Report of Committee constituted under the directions of Hon'ble Court by Judgement dated 11.08.2017 in the Writ Petition (c) No. 659/2007 filed by the Environment & Consumer Protection Foundation V/s Union of India & Others. The Report of Expert Committee may be seen at this Ministry's website at <http://www.wcd.nic.in/sites/default/files/Expert%20committee%20report.pdf> . In the above mentioned Report, Para 3.8 & 3.9 of Common Working Plan relates to Livelihood/Skill Development and Housing Facility respectively, which requires action on the part of your Ministry.

I shall be grateful if you could take the necessary action and implement the above mentioned Paras of Common Working Plan proposed in Expert Committee Report and apprise this Ministry so as to enable us to incorporate in the next Affidavit to be filed soon.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rakesh Srivastava)

**Shri Durga Shanker Mishra,**  
Secretary  
Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs,  
Nirman Bhavan  
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Dear *Amarjeet,*

In continuation of my previous D.O.'s of even number, you are aware that the Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed to implement the Report of Committee constituted under the directions of Hon'ble Court by Judgement dated 11.08.2017 in the WP(C) No. 659/2007 filed by the Environment & Consumer Protection Foundation V/s Union of India & Others. The Report of Expert Committee may be seen at this Ministry's website at

<http://www.wcd.nic.in/sites/default/files/Expert%20committee%20report.pdf> In the above mentioned Report, Para 3.8 of the Common Working Plan relates to Livelihood which requires action on the part of your Ministry. Details of Para 3.8 is enclosed as Annexure.

I shall be grateful if you could take the necessary action and implement the necessary component viz. inclusion of widows in the National Rural Livelihood Mission as per the Para 3.8 of Common Working Plan proposed in Expert Committee Report and apprise the Ministry at the earliest, so as to help us incorporate your updates in the affidavit to be filed soon.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rakesh Srivastava)

**Shri Amarjeet Sinha,**  
Secretary  
Ministry of Rural Development,  
Department of Rural Development,  
Krishi Bhavan,  
New Delhi.

## Annexure

a) Self-Help group of widows to be formed for self employment.

b) Coordination with designated agencies for training, placement and market linkage under the existing government schemes.

Support to training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP) by MWCD run through NGOs to build self employability skill of women.

- Rashtriya Mahila Kosh scheme by MWCD provides loans to women self-help groups as well as NGOs to establish market linkage for the products of self-help groups.
- Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PMKVY) aims to develop similar skills and arrange appropriate placements of the trainees.
- National Urban/Rural Livelihood Mission schemes under Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and Ministry of Rural Development respectively.

c) Additionally, skill building in non-traditional skill-sets like driving, computer training, care giving, medical assistance and micro-entrepreneurship should be encouraged.

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Dear Preeti,

I write in continuation of D.O. letters of even number dated 13.04.2017 and 12.07.2017 (copies enclosed) regarding Writ Petition (c) No. 659/2007 filed by the Environment & Consumer Protection Foundation V/s Union of India & Others.

You may be aware that the Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed to implement the Report of Committee constituted under the directions of Hon'ble Court by Judgement dated 11.08.2017 in the WP(C) No. 659/2007. The Report of Expert Committee may be seen at this Ministry's website at <http://www.wcd.nic.in/sites/default/files/Expert%20committee%20report.pdf>. In the above mentioned Report, Para 3.6 of Common Working Plan relates to Access to Health Care which requires action on the part of your Ministry. Details of the para is enclosed at Annexure.

I shall be grateful if you could take the necessary action to implement the above para of Common Working Plan proposed in Expert Committee Report and apprise the Ministry at the earliest, so as to enable us to incorporate your inputs into the Affidavit to be filed soon.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rakesh Srivastava)

Ms. Preeti Sudan,  
Secretary  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
Nirman Bhawan,  
New Delhi.



## Annexure

- a) Health check up of the widow on registration. The Master Sheet with medical report should be retained by the hospital and a Health Card should be issued to the widow.
- b) The medical report should be uploaded to the digital file of the widow so that all her medical records are accessible.
- c) All the widows should be provided Health insurance under Rashtriya Swasthya Beema Yojna.
- d) The Aadhar Card/Smart Card under Rashtriya Swasthya Beema Yojna/Health Card should provide easy and expeditious access to health services/hospitals.
- e) Assignment of a designated Social Worker/NGO at the hospital to ensure timely and need based service to the widows.
- f) In cases of emergency, a call to the common helpline should be activate the emergency response.
- g) Scheduled visits by Doctors at the shelter home.
- h) Widows living independently should be linked to the hospital through the Widow's cell.
- i) Provision of ambulances in shelter homes, which can also be used for all the widow's in the area.
- j) Mobile Medical Units/Mobile pharmacies should visit designated areas at fixed schedules. Free medicines should be made available.
- k) Monthly Medical Camps with fixed calendars in designated area to ensure maximum participation.
- l) District-wise mapping of all the available Government and Private hospitals for creating a network of referral linkage for specialty, super, specialty and emergency services.
- m) Private hospitals to be engaged to provide voluntary and CSR health related services especially in cases of specialty, and super- specialty treatment.

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13.04.2017

Dear *Mishra,*

You may be aware that as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, the National Commission for Women has prepared and submitted a report on the status of Widows in Swadhar Homes of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal and Odisha before the Hon'ble Apex Court. As per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, a meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (WCD) on 12.04.2017 to discuss the issues raised by the National Commission for Women in their report. I thank you for nominating your Joint Secretary, Ms. Jyotsna Sitling for the same.

As regards the convergence of Health related schemes with the Swadhar Scheme of this Ministry, you are requested to consider extending the benefits of the Scheme under your Ministry to the single destitute and marginalized women including your proposed National Health Protection Scheme.

With Regards

Yours sincerely,

*Leena Nair*  
(Leena Nair)

Shri C. K. Mishra  
Secretary  
Department of Health & Family Welfare  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.



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12<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

Dear

In continuation of D.O. letter of even number dated 13.04.2017 (copy enclosed) from my predecessor regarding Writ Petition (c) No. 659/2007 filed by the Environment & Consumer Protection Foundation V/s Union of India & Others.

You may be aware that as per directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, the National Commission for Women has prepared and submitted a report on the status of Widows in Swadhar Homes of Uttar Pradesh, Ultrakhand, West Bengal and Odisha before the Hon'ble Apex Court. As per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, a meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (WCD) on 12.04.2017 to discuss the issues raised by the National Commission for Women in their report.

As regard the issue pertaining to convergence of Health related schemes with the Swadhar Grehs of this Ministry, you are requested to consider extending the benefits of the Scheme under your Ministry to the single destitute and marginalised women. We have come to know that under NHM your Ministry provides free medicines in all CHCs, PHCs across the country. If more detailed information on the same can be received on this, we could share with the homes to avail these benefits, thus not only satisfying Hon'ble SC but also doing a noble act.

The draft Plan of Action for going ahead on Hon'ble Supreme Court's order for ameliorating the condition of widows in the country is attached herewith.

Your confirmation on the same may kindly be conveyed by 13th July, 2017 afternoon, failing which it will be presumed that your Ministry agrees to the said Plan of Action.

I shall be grateful if you could look into the matter personally to expedite sending us the desired information

With regards,

Yours sincerely,  
Sd/-

(Rakesh Srivastava)

Shri C.K. Mishra  
Secretary  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

Copy to : Shri Manoj Jhalani, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi. It is requested that necessary inputs on NHM may kindly be provided.

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Dated : 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2018

Dear *Shri Krishnan,*

Please refer to D.O. letters of even number dated 13.04.2017 and 12.07.2017 (copies enclosed) regarding Writ Petition (c) No. 659/2007 filed by the Environment & Consumer Protection Foundation V/s Union of India & Others.

In respect of the above, no reply has been received. Further, it is mentioned that the Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed to implement the Report of Expert Committee constituted by the Judgement dated 11.08.2017 in the WP(C) No. 659/2007. The Report may be seen at this Ministry's website at <http://www.wcd.nic.in/sites/default/files/Expert%20committee%20report.pdf>. In the above mentioned Report, Para 3.8 of the Common Working Plan relates to Livelihood/Skill Development, in which it is stated that skill building in non-traditional skill sets like driving, computer training, care giving, medical assistance and micro-entrepreneurship should be encouraged.

I shall be grateful if you could take the necessary action and provide the basket of schemes/programmes under your ministry that could ensure skill building in non-traditional skill sets and also could be linked to this Ministry's schemes to ensure skill upgradation and future employability of destitute women and apprise this Ministry at the earliest so as to enable us to incorporate the same in the next Affidavit to be filed soon.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rakesh Srivastava)

Shri K.P. Krishnan  
Secretary,  
Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship  
Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi.

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2. As regards the issue pertaining to skill development of destitute and marginalized women, you are requested to provide the basket of Schemes/programmes under your Ministry that could be linked to this Ministry's Schemes to ensure skill upgradation and future employability of these women.

With Regards

Yours sincerely,

Leena Nair  
(Leena Nair)

Dr. K.P. Krishnan  
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As regards the issues pertaining to skill development of destitute and marginalised women, you are again requested to provide the basket of Schemes/ programmes under your Ministry that could be incorporated in this Ministry's Schemes. It is also mentioned here that the regional Skill Development Councils under your Ministry may act as Nodal Agencies for imparting skills to this unfortunate section of the populace.

The draft Plan of Action for going ahead on Hon'ble Supreme Court's order for ameliorating the condition of widows in the country is **attached herewith**. Your confirmation on the same may kindly be conveyed by 13th July, 2017, failing which it will be presumed that your Ministry agrees to the said Plan of Action.

I shall be grateful if you could look into the matter personally as we need to apprise the Hon'ble SC at the earliest.

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
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