

National Commission for Women

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National Commission for women:

The setting of a National Commission for women to fulfill the surveillance functions to facilitate redressal of grievances and to accelerate the socio economic development of women. The successive committees including the National Perspective plan for women 1988 recommended the constitution of an apex body for women. In may 1990 the bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha and the Bill was passed and received ascent from president in 1990. The National Commission for women Act 1990. The NCW was set up as statutory body to review the constitutional and legal safeguards for women, recommended remedial legislative measures, facilitate redressal of grievances and advise the government on all policy matters affecting women.

Constitutional; and Procedure of Commission:

According to sec 3 of the act the central Government shall constitute a body to be known as the National Commission for Women to exercise the powers conferred on and to perform the functions assigned to it.

- (a) A chairperson committed to the cause of women to be nominated by the central Government.
- (b) Five members to be nominated by the Central Government from amongst persons of ability, integrity and standing who have had experience in law or legislation, trade unionism, management of an industry or organizations, administration, economic development, health, education or social welfare. At least one member belonging to the Scheduled Castes and ST.

(c) A Member-Secretary to be nominated by the central Government : Shall be member of civil service.

Mrs Jayanti Patnaik was the first president of the Women Commission constituted on 31st Jan.1992.

Term of office and conditions of service of Chairperson : Section 4 of the Act hold office not exceeding 3 years.

Removal from the office: Insolvent, convicted, unsound mind, incapable of acting, absent three consecutive meetings.

Salaries and allowance to be paid out of grants :

Functions of the commission:

- (i) To investigate and examine all the matters relating to the safeguard for women under the Constitution and other laws.
- (ii) The Commission shall present reports to the Central Government upon the working of safeguards annually.
- (iii) The effective implementation of those safeguards for improving the conditions of women by union or any state.
- (iv) The commission shall review the existing provisions from time to time.
- (v) Take up the cases of violation of the provisions of the constitution and other laws relating to women.
- (vi) Look into complaints and take suo moto notice of matter relating deprivation of women's rights, non implementation of laws, non compliance of policy decisions.
- (vii) Calls for special studies or investigations into specific problems.
- (viii) Promote educational research relating to women
- (ix) Advise planning process of socio-economic development of women.
- (x) Inspect Jails, observation Home, Women's Institutions etc.

Power of the commission:

- I. Issuing Summon
- II. Requiring production of documents
- III. Receiving evidence on affidavits
- IV. Appoint committee

Provisions relating to Finance, Account and Audit :

I Grants by the central Government.

Ii Accounts and audit

Iii annual report : financial year

Iv Annual report and audit report to be laid before parliament