APPENDIX-I


Objective

• Empowering Women As The Agents Of Social Change And Development

Strategies

• To create an enabling environment for women to exercise their rights, both within and outside home, as equal partners along with men through early finalization and adoption of "National Policy for Empowerment of Women"
• To expedite action to legislate reservation of not less than 1/3 seats for women in the Parliament and in the State Legislative Assemblies and thus ensure adequate representation of women in decision making
• To adopt an integrated approach towards empowering women through effective convergence of existing services, resources, infrastructure and manpower in both women specific and women related sectors
• To adopt a special strategy of "Women's Component Plan" to ensure that not less than 30 percent of funds/benefits flow to women from other developmental sectors
• To organize women into Self help group and thus mark the beginning of a major process of empowering women
• To accord high priority to reproductive child health care
• To universalise the on-going supplementary feeding program—Special Nutrition Program (SNP) and Mid Day Meals (MDM)
• To ensure easy and equal access to education for women and girls through the commitments of the Special Action Plan of 1998
• To initiate steps to eliminate gender bias in all educational program
• To institute plans for free education for girls upto college level, including professional courses
• To equip women with necessary skills in the modern upcoming trades which could keep them gainfully engaged besides making them economically independent and self-reliant
• To increase access to credit through setting up of a ‘Development Bank for Women Entrepreneurs in small and tiny sectors