

No. M-11-1-2019(Media)
National Commission for Women
Plot No. 21 Jasola Institutional Area
New Delhi-110025

24th January, 2019

Subject: Limited Tender for designing and supply of creatives for advertisements at Airports etc for creating awareness on "NRI Marriages".

1. Tenders under two cover systems are invited from the reputed Category "A" printers empanelled with DAVP for designing and supplying of creatives for advertisements at Airports etc for creating awareness on "NRI Marriages".
2. Tenders are requested to submit their bid through two cover system – Technical Bid and Price Bid on or before the time and date mentioned in the table.
3. Addendum, modification, change of last date, if any, etc., will be intimated accordingly.
4. The tender documents received after closure of the time and date are liable to be rejected. Tenders submitted by e-mail/fax will not be accepted under any circumstances.
5. The Commission will, based on the design, quality and other technical /creative parameters shortlist the vendors.

6.	Method of Evaluation of financial bid for technically qualified Tenderer	The lowest offer (L1) from among the technically qualified tenderer will be considered for award of work. In case, more than one bid is L1, then reverse auction will be conducted amongst the bidder who has quoted the same L1 price and such bidders will be required to reduce the price on lump sum basis. The L1 bidder, after reduction will be considered for award of the work.
7.	Modality of tender	The successful tenderer to whom the work order is awarded is required to undertake the work of designing and supply of creative to the NCW for 2019 as per the quality and time frame mentioned in the tender document.
8.	Supply schedule, Destination of supply	The entire designing and submission will have to be completed by 7 working days after issue of the work order. All creatives shall be

		supplied at the National Commission for Women at Plot No. 21, Jasola Institutional Area, New Delhi – 110025. Further, A presentation will be organised on 5 th Feb 2019 within the premises at NCW.
9.	Payment	The payment shall be made within 10 days from the date of receipt of the final bill after satisfactory completion of work as per work order and terms and conditions. No advance payment shall be made before full and final delivery of the creatives.
10.	Last date and time for submission of bids	01.02.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs. at Reception, National Commission for Women, Jasola
11.	Date and time of opening of Cover I	01.02.2019 at 15.30 Hrs
12.	Date and time of opening of cover II	Shall be communicated to the technically qualified bidders
13.	Place of opening	NCW office, Jasola
14.	Addendum etc.	Addendum, modification, change of last date, if any, etc., will be intimated accordingly.
15.	Name & Contact No	Smt Priti Kumar Mobile No. 9999488394 Office Landline Number: 01126944809

The National Commission for Women reserves the right of:-

1. Cancellation or withdrawal of this tender at any stage without assigning any reasons whatsoever and no further correspondence shall be entertained in this regard.
2. Rejection or acceptance of any tender offer irrespective of whether it is lowest/otherwise without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

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Tender Notice for Advertisement for the Purpose of Creating

Public Awareness on the Issue of NRI Marriages

NRI Marriages involve legal complexities on account of the fact that these marriages are governed not only by Indian Laws but also involve the legal system of the other country of habitual residence of the party living outside India either as Indian citizen or citizen of the respective country. The issue of jurisdiction and conflict of law emerge pertaining to the matters of separation/divorce, maintenance, child custody and inheritance etc. It generally results into vulnerable position of women in these marriages manifesting into various forms of violence like domestic violence, desertion, ex parte divorce, child custody through decree of foreign courts and lack of maintenance and child support to name a few.

National Commission for Women receives complaints from women aggrieved of above mentioned issues arising out of NRI marriages. It has been observed by the Commission that larger public awareness about the precautionary measures which need to be taken during arrangement of such marriages can significantly prevent the abuse of women in these marriages. The simple steps like proper verification of credentials of the prospective groom such as his marital status, employment details and immigration status etc and registration of marriage are some of the crucial precautionary measures. Broad understanding about Indian Laws relating to Domestic Violence and information about the authorities to approach in case of any emergency in India as well as in foreign country can equip the prospective bride to great extent to deal with any unforeseen crisis in NRI marriage. However, due to norms/practices relating to arrangement of marriages in India constituting role of relatives as middleperson, inherent subordinate status of family of the bride viz a viz family of the groom and value attached to NRI match for one's daughter generally results into hasty decision based on faith in NRI marriages. It is pertinent need to create wider awareness about precautionary measures among public to deal with issue of violation of women in NRI marriages.

Problems relating to NRI Marriages

Dos and Dents



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'NRI marriages', as generally understood, are between an Indian woman from India and an Indian man residing in another country (thus NRI – non-resident Indian), either as Indian citizen (when he would legally be an 'NRI') or as citizen of that other country (when he would legally be a PIO – person of Indian origin).

In the eagerness not to let go of such lucrative marriage offer, the families totally ignores even the common cautions that are observed in traditional matchmaking. They also ignore that in case of things going wrong in an NRI marriage, the woman's recourse to justice is greatly constrained and complex. The aggravated risk in such marriage is the woman is being 'isolated' far away from home in an alien land, facing language constraints, communication problems, lack of proper information about the local criminal justice, police and legal system. The situation is worsened by lack of support network of friends and family and monetary constraints which leaves the deserted wife completely helpless and stranded.

COMMON ISSUES IN NRI MARRIAGES

Following are some of the typical instances of the issues that could arise in NRI marriages

- Woman married to an NRI who is abandoned even before being taken by her husband to the foreign country of his residence.
- Woman brutally battered, assaulted, abused both mentally and physically, malnourished, confined and ill treated and forced to flee or was forcibly sent back.
- A quick engagement, followed by a massive wedding, a huge dowry and a honeymoon, after which the NRI husband flies out of India while the wife waits for her visa. The menace of 'honeymoon brides' is a big problem to deal with as over 20,000 brides have not seen their husbands after their honeymoon.
- In some cases, the children were abducted or forcibly taken away from the woman.

- Woman who reached the foreign country of her husband's residence and waited at the international airport there only to find that her husband would not turn up at all.
- Abandoned in the foreign country with absolutely no support or means of sustenance or escape and without even the legal permission to stay on in that country.
- NRI husband was already married in the other country to another woman
- Husband had given false information on any or all of the following: his job, immigration status, earning, property, marital status and other material particulars, to con her into the marriage.
- Husband, taking advantage of more lenient divorce grounds in other legal systems, obtained ex-parte decree of divorce in the foreign country through fraudulent representations and/or behind her back, without her knowledge
- Woman was denied maintenance in India on the pretext that the marriage had already been dissolved by the court in another country.
- Woman who approached the court, either in India or in the other country, for maintenance or divorce but repeatedly encountered technical legal obstacles related to jurisdiction of courts, service of notices or orders, or enforcement of orders or learnt of the husband commencing simultaneous retaliatory legal proceeding in the other country.

Dos & Donts

Dos

- Do check the NRI groom's personal information particulars such as :***
- Marital status:** if he is single, divorced, separated, Employment details : qualification and post, salary, address of office, employer and their credentials, Immigration status, type of visa, eligibility to take spouse to the other country

- Financial status, Properties said to be owned by him in India, residence address, family background, Visa, passport. Voter or alien registration card, Social security number.
- Have regular and meaningful communication with the man and his family over a period. Make sure that the two persons to be married meet personally and interact freely and frankly in comfortable atmosphere to make up their minds.
- Insist on a registered marriage along with the religious marriage to be solemnized in India with adequate proof like photographs etc.
- Insist on keeping in touch with the bride even after the marriage on phone and e-mail and through local friends and relatives and get alert if at any point there is any reluctance or difficulty in this.
- Equip the woman with knowledge of the laws of the foreign country and the rights she enjoys there, especially against any form of abuse or neglect, including domestic violence and if she can get residence permit and other protections as a victim of domestic violence or abuse.
- Inform people you trust if you face domestic violence in any form - physical, emotional, financial, and sexual. Keep a log of all acts of violence you face.
- Have a bank account in your exclusive name near your residence that you can use in case of any emergency.
- Keep a list of contact details of neighbors, friends, relatives, husband's employer, police, ambulance, and the Indian embassy or high commission, if abroad.
- Leave photocopies of all important documents including your passport, visa, bank and property documents, marriage certificate and other essential papers and phone numbers with parents or other trustworthy people in India or abroad. In case they are lost/forcibly taken away/mutilated/destroyed by or at the instance of spouse or in-laws, the copies will come in handy; if possible, keep a scanned soft copy with you and any person you trust so that the same can be retrieved if necessary.

- ❑ Try to keep a photocopy of husband's personal details including passport, visa, property details, license number, social security number, voter or alien registration card, among others.

Donts

- Do not take any decision in haste and do not get pressurized to do so for any reason whatsoever.
- Do not make matrimony a passage to greener pastures abroad by falling prey to lucrative schemes to migrate to another country or promises of getting green card through marriage.
- Do not finalize marriage matters, without meeting the family or over long distance, on phone or through e-mails.
- Do not get pressurized in taking impulsive decisions of marriage proposal with an NRI just because it appears too perfect to be true.
- Do not negotiate your daughter's marriage via a bureau, agent or middleman or trust them blindly
- In case matrimonial negotiations takes place via matrimonial sites, verify the details and authenticity of particulars submitted about the groom.
- Do not finalize matters in secrecy – publishing the proposal among the near and dear ones, friends and close relatives could help you in getting vital information which you may not be able to collect otherwise .
- Do not agree on the marriage taking place in the foreign country
- Do not be coerced into acceding to dowry or any other unreasonable demand made by or on behalf of your husband in order to end your desertion. Inform officials immediately if being forced to do so.
- Do not remain quiet, if faced with desertion or any other cruelty by husband and/or in-laws whether in India or abroad. Approach the authorities.

- Do not forge/fabricate papers or legal documents for somehow going abroad and do not become a party to illegal acts under pressure, allurements or instigation from anyone.
- Do not be forced into participating in legal action in country of husband's residence. You can file a case in India and cannot be forced to defend a case filed against you by husband abroad - especially divorce. India has more women-friendly laws than many other countries.
- Do not panic if your husband obtains divorce in the other country with or without your knowledge since it is not valid in India. Its valid in India only if you participate in that case.
- Do not defame husband and/or in-laws without evidence as they may slap a defamation case against you. Speak only the facts at the right fora - before police/lawyer/social worker/court etc.
- Do not be vindictive and take law in your hands. Never resort to violence or any illegal act to settle scores with deserter husband and/or in-laws. Approach government authorities in case of any problem in the marriage. Do not file false/frivolous complaint.

Points referred from :

**Report on “problems relating to NRI Marriages “
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