



National Commission for Women

Press Note

New Delhi, 14th September 2018: Taking cognizance of recent reports in the media regarding gross violation of the rights of women, living in Swadhar Grehs in the country, the National Commission for Women (NCW) initiated inspection of 12 such homes in the country on a pilot basis to ascertain the factual status of these homes. In an attempt to make these inspections more meaningful and with a view to cover all Swadhar Grehs in India, the Commission organized a daylong consultation with academia, NGOs and Government Departments in the premises of the Commission on 13.09.2018.

Academicians of different Centres of Women Studies in universities including Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, Jamia Millia Islamia, Punjab University, SNDT Women University, Mumbai University, University of Pune, IGNOU, Bangalore University, Shri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidayala, Andhra PradeshP, University of Hyderabad, etc. and representatives of NGO's such as JAGORI, Guild of Services, New Delhi, National Forum for Single Woman's Rights, Udaipur, Rajasthan, SWAYAM, Kolkata, West Bengal, along with to the representatives of Ministry of Women and Child Development and the National Council for Vocational Training, New Delhi participated in the deliberations.

Smt. Rekha Sharma, Chairperson, National Commission for Women in her opening remarks impressed upon the participants to work out a plan of action for a comprehensive and in-depth survey of all Swadhar Greh in the country. She added that there is a need to carry out the assessment of the implementation of the scheme at the ground level so that the functioning of these homes can be improved and the objectives of the scheme are optimally realized. Smt. Sharma stated that the Swadhar Greh Scheme would lose its sheen if the implementation were not monitored effectively. She highlighted that irrespective of the duration of the stay in Swadhar Greh, the women need to be prepared to join the mainstream society and also empower them economically. She emphasized that survey of Swadhar Greh will provide feedback for substantial upgradation of the scheme.

During the consultations, a detailed framework for gathering both the qualitative and quantitative data will be finalized. It was also agreed that all Swadhar Grehs in the country would be surveyed within a period of one year and reports presented to the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India.
