

by UIDAI; publication and invitation of claims and objections; settlement of claims and objections; vetting by Gram Sabha Ward Committees; vetting by local officials and police and then finalising the NPR database.

(c) The creation of NPR in the country would be completed by 2014-15. The Government at present, is not implementing any scheme to issue identity card to citizens. A scheme to issue Resident Identity (smart) Cards (RICs) to all usual residents of age 18 years and above has been implemented in selected coastal areas. A proposal for issuance of RICs to all the usual residents in the country under the scheme of NPR on the same lines as that in coastal areas has been appraised by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) and recommended. The Union Cabinet, in its meeting on 31.01.2013, has considered the proposal and referred the same to a Group of Ministers (GoM). The GoM has been constituted.

Sensitizing police forces regarding atrocities against women

996. SHRI M. VENKALAH NAIDU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to sensitize the police forces across the country in order to contain the atrocities against women; and

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines issued by the Central Government in this regard and the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) As per Seventh Schedule, 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the Constitution, and as such, the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crimes, including crimes against women, lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. However, the Union Government attaches highest importance to the matter of prevention and control of crime against women.

Ministry of Home Affairs has sent a detailed advisory dated 4th September, 2009 to all State Governments/UTs, wherein they have been *inter-alia*, advised undertake gender sensitization of the police personnel. Most of the States Police Forces have introduced gender sensitization in their curriculum of training. Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) has also introduced gender sensitization as a subject in their training curriculum.