On going through the contents of the Draft National Perspective Plan for Women, 1988-2000 A.D., Part I along with the General and specific recommendations contained in the last few pages in detail it is felt imperatively necessary to formulate well articulated national policies with specific objectives for increasing the participation of women in developmental plans. The plans should aim at the creation of productive employment for women as well as provision of services to women so as to enable them to participate more fully in economic growth and social progress.

The views expressed in the 'Draft National Perspective Plan for Women' were very much appreciated by me, and enlightened me in many ways as to what course of actions have to be taken in course of time to come in the lines of women and child development.

Unlike most of other status in the country, women in Mizoram have enjoyed the opportunity of more or less equal status with men in various walks of life and in particular, in employment opportunities, while in various other fields some steps are yet to be taken to improve the status of women in respect of traditional and customary laws.

Though I am yet to hear more of various views from other members of the 'National Committee on Women' I would like to take this opportunity of putting forward the following suggestions and views of mine for consideration:

1. A State Level Committee on Women be constituted in each of the status in the country with the state Chief Minister, as Chairman, the concerned Minister as the Vice-Chairman and the Secretary of the Department concerned as Member-Secretary. Besides above, some non-official members of Prominent Social Workers and official members, including Chairman of the State Social Welfare Advisory Board as one of the members, may be appointed as members.
This 'State Level Committee on Women' will be entrusted to take follow-up action of the decisions, resolutions and the recommendations of the 'National Committee on Women'. This 'State Level Committee on Women' will also make recommendations of its own considered to be appropriate and relevant which will be submitted to the National Committee on Women for consideration. While the National Committee on Women should try to focus on the common problems applicable to women in different regions or status of the country as a whole and find solutions thereof, I am sure the State Level Committee on Women should in turn focus on the peculiar problems of women in a particular region or a state and their solution as solution of such peculiar problems is equally important as solution to the common problems of the entire country. Hence my suggestion for constitution of a 'State Level Committee on Women'.

II. Women Development Corporation be set up in Mizoram, and in each of other states in the country as well. This Women Development Corporation, being one of the two major implementing bodies for the implementation of various economic programmes mostly through governmental agencies/departments will take up various economic programmes. In this connection I may be allowed to mention that on the advice of the Indian Council for Child Welfare we had programmed to set up one such Women Development Corporation in Mizoram and proposal along with schemes was submitted under the Annual Plan for 1988-89 for implementation in Mizoram. To our surprise, the Planning Commission, for reasons not known to us, had turned down the proposal at the time of Plan Discussion and as such we had to drop the altogether. Taking this opportunity I would like to submit that more positive steps be taken by this Committee at National level so that any state willing to set up such Women Development Corporation be given an opportunity to do so.

The above two suggestions of mine may be referred to the Sub-group concerned for their consideration and perusal in their sitting on 8-6-1988.