

F. No. 15012/04/2015-PM-III/SC/ST-W
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(CS Division)

5th Floor, NDCC-II Building,
Jai Singh Road, New Delhi-110001.
Dated: 22nd June, 2016

To

- 1) Chief Secretaries of all State Governments including GNCTD
- 2) Administrators of DD, DNH, A&N, Lakshadweep

Subject:- Deployment of Special Mahila Police Volunteers (MPVs) – safety and security of women - regarding

Sir/Madam,

Please refer to the D.O. No. WW-13/5/2015-WW dated 31st May, 2016 from Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development to all States/UTs on the scheme for deploying Special Mahila Police Volunteers (MPVs) for improving the safety and security of women. The Special Mahila Police Volunteers will be educated women of the locality and will be selected by the District Superintendent of Police through a transparent process, after inviting applications. They will also be given training regarding their work at district level.

2. The SMPVs are intended to be an interface between the public and the police, who can be approached by women in distress for seeking assistance and support. The MPVs are envisaged as empowered, responsible, socially aware women for fostering leadership in local settings to facilitate police outreach on gender concerns. The broad mandate of MPVs is to report incidences of violence against women such as domestic violence, child marriage, dowry harassment and violence faced by women in public and private spaces. She will act as a role model for the community. The guidelines of MPV are available on the Ministry of Women and Child Development website viz <http://wcd.nic.in/sites/default/files/GUIDELINES%20FOR%20OPERATIONALIZING%20MPV%20uploaded%20on%20the%20website.pdf>. The guidelines have also been forwarded by Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development vide letter dated 31st May, 2016 for consideration.

3. In order to promote the objective of getting help and support to the victims of violence and harassment such interventions like deployment of MPVs are essential to improve women's safety, in the context of various measures initiated on crimes against women.

4. In view of the above, it is requested that directions may be issued to all concerned for adoption and implementation of this initiative. It will be highly appreciated if developments in this regard be intimated to the undersigned at the earliest after initiating necessary action at your end. The scheme may be initially implemented in one or two districts, to be selected on the basis of incidence of crimes against women as well as low child sex ratio.

Yours sincerely,



(Dilip Kumar)

Joint Secretary (CS)

Tel: 23438100

Email: jscs@nic.in

Copy also for information and necessary action to:

- (1) ACS/Principal Secretary/Secretary (Home) of all States and UTs
- (2) The Director Generals of Police of all States and IGs of all UTs