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Q.2.

Is the National Commission for Women able to strategize and tackle the problems that women face in both public and private sphere? Give reasons in support for your answer.

The National Commission for Women is a statutory body constituted for the purpose of safeguarding women's rights, explore new avenues for women empowerment, investigate women-related abuse, etc.

Performance of National Women's Commission

so far:

- (i) Advisory Role: → The NCW enjoys only an advisory role and its recommendations are not binding on the government.
- (ii) Budgetary Constraints: NCW has no powers to initiate developmental activities for the cause of women empowerment.
- (iii) Women Abuse: Despite its long tenure, NCW's actions hasn't deterred individuals against abuse of women.
- (iv) Geography of the Country: With the vast geography, NCW cannot look into all the issues pertaining to women.

## Measures to improve performance

of NCH:

- (i) Increasing autonomy and making its recommendations binding.
- (ii) Constituting regional seats to concentrate on issues quickly.
- (iii) Including NCH in all levels of decision making.

Unequal wages, poor representation of women in parliament/state legislatures, domestic abuse, dowry, etc highlight the need for strengthening NCH and develop a gender neutral and inclusive society.