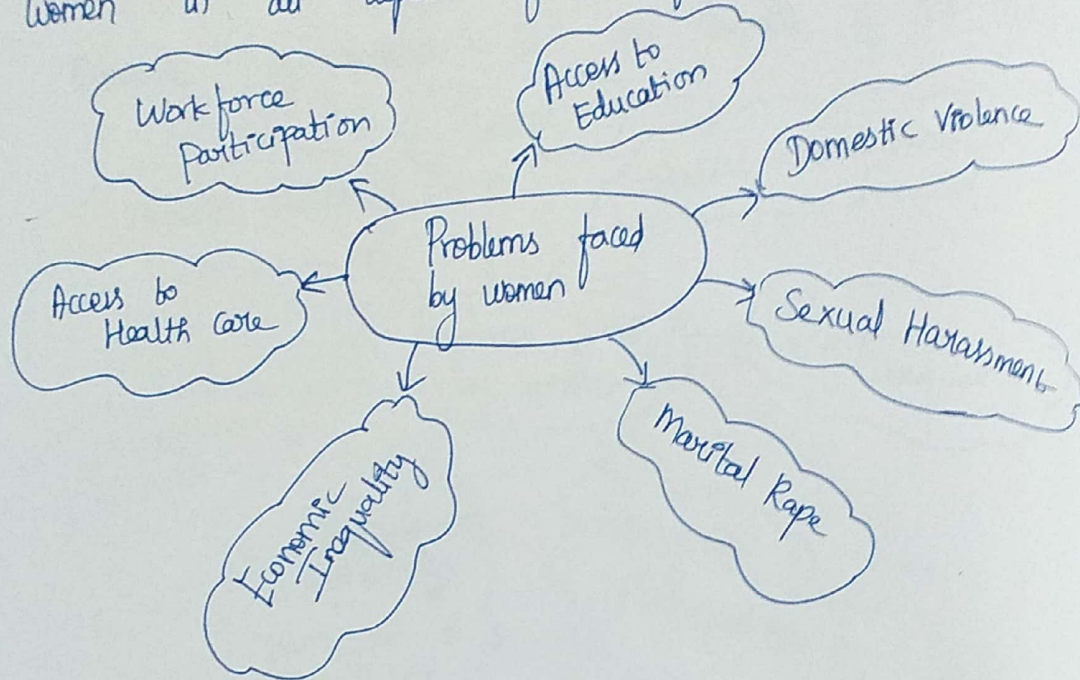


Q2) Answer:

The National Commission for women is the statutory body established in 1992 under the National Commission for women Act, 1992. It works to protect and promote the interests of women in all aspects of her life.



Role played by NCW:

- It regularly publishes monthly newsletter "Rashtra Mahila" in both Hindi and English.
- The Commission looks into the complaints and also take suo moto notice of matters relating to women exploitation.
- Investigate and examine all matters relating to the protection of women.
- Take up the violations of all provisions ~~enacted~~ enshrined in the Constitution.

- Participates and Advises on planning process of the socio-economic development of the women.
- Undertake research activities to identify the factors responsible for impeding their growth.
- Inspect jails, demand homes, women's institutions to ensure their smooth functioning.

### Accomplishments:

- It has proposed amendment to the IPC 1860 to curb the sale of the minor girls.
- It helped to omit the str epilepsy as a ground for divorce in Hindu Marriage Act 1955.
- It has also proposed the Protection of women from domestic violence bill which was later passed in 2005.

### ~~Controversies~~ Controversies:

- NCW was involved in a Controversy over Sec 497 of the IPC, regarding adulterous wives.
- Mangalore pub Controversy on the attack of 8 women.
- Guwahati Mobstaken Controversy of leaking the name of the minor victim and victim blaming to dress properly.

### Drawbacks:

- It has only power to recommend amendments, and submit reports. They are not binding.
- The members are appointed by the ~~members~~ centres.
- It is dependent on the Union government for funding.
- Rural women are unaware of their services.

### Wayforward:

- Include NCW members in women related policy making for better decisions.
- Bring transparency to their appointment.
- Increase the funding.

The Commission has initiated various steps to advance the status of women, to help the grieved women and to empower them holistically. But there are certain inadequacies in the working of the Commission. If rectified it would lead to a more efficient and productive Commission.