



## MAMTA makes a presentation on Women's Health Care Policy Options to the Parliamentary Committee on Empowerment of Women, May 11, 2016.

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MAMTA HIMC made a presentation on Women's Health Care Policy Options to the Parliamentary Committee on Empowerment of Women on May 11, 2016. The presentation focussed on Health Status of Women in India; Major Areas of Women's Health Concerns: Gaps and Policy Options on Maternal Health, Women and Nutrition, Non Communicable Diseases (NCD) and Women, Feminization of Infections like HIV/AIDS & TB, Violence and Women. MAMTA also made some Big Ticket Policy Recommendations to the Committee.

### **Health Care Policy Options Suggested:**

- Strengthening the provision of female medical service providers (Medical Officers/Midwives) in rural and remote PHCs/facilities
- Engaging young male front line health workers/ ASHAs to improve male (husband, brother, father) involvement for enhanced accessibility of services for women, besides improving men's health

### **Policy Recommendations on Social Issues:**

- Enhancing the provision of Right to Education till 18 years of age across the country, especially in districts with high child marriage and skewed sex ratios
- Ensuring delivery of sexuality and reproductive health education in the school curriculum of life skills education
- Awareness, sensitization and skill-building of health care providers in different cadres including front line functionaries on inclusiveness and gender inequality using normative approach
- Ensuring meaningful participation of women PRIs among other key community stakeholders for the village health plans