

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO INDIA – ADD.1

NETHERLANDS

Freedom of Religion and Belief / religious minorities

- What is the way forward with regard to the Prevention of Communal and Targeted Violence (Access to Justice and Reparations) Bill (A/HRC/WG.6/13/IND/3, par. 56)?
- How do the various state anti-conversion laws ensure Freedom of Religion and Belief and how does the central government monitor their application (A/HRC/WG.6/13/IND/3, par. 75)?

Women's Rights

- What steps are taken to ensure the effective implementation of legislation aimed at protecting women's rights, such as the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, the Preconception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 (A/HRC/WG.6/13/IND/2, par.31)?
- What steps has the Government of India taken to follow up on 2008 UPR Recommendation nr 17 of amending the Special Marriage Act to give equal rights to property accumulated during marriage?

The Rights of the Child

- How will the Government of India ensure the compliance of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act (A/HRC/WG.6/13/IND/2, par.61-64)?

NORWAY

- What steps are being taken by the Government of India to implement the recommendations made by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of human right defenders following her visit to India in January 2011?
- Will the Government of India be willing to consider repealing the AFSPA and Public Safety Act?
- Would Government of India be willing to consider strengthening the judicial powers of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights in a bid to strengthen the rights of the Indian child? For instance by giving the Commission status as Ombudsman?

- The census of 2011 showed a decline in sex ratio for children 0-6 years old (914 girls/1000 boys). How will Government of India work to prevent the gender discrepancy from increasing further?

SWEDEN

- What measures is the Government of India taking to combat discrimination and ensure that all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation, enjoy full equality under the law?
- How does the Government of India guarantee that the freedom of expression on the Internet is not unduly restricted under the Information Technology Rules?