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## HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION AGAINST WOMEN GENDER DISCRIMINATION

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### Abstract

*Gender discrimination refers to the practice of giving preferential treatment to one sex over the other. The practice of giving social importance to the biological differences between men and women is prevalent everywhere. In some societies, these differences are very much pronounced while in others, they are given less importance. The prime subject matter of this paper is gender discrimination. It is a multi dimensional issue and deep rooted in the improvised and traditional cultural settings. It is considered as a major constraint towards the development process in the country. Hence, this paper aims to estimate whether there is gender discrimination and if so, what are the areas and to what extent, and what are the remedial measures to overcome the gender discrimination.*

**Key words:** Gender – Sex – Discrimination - property rights - absence of property- collateral security - military service – equal rights, census 2011

### Introduction

At the outset let us conceptualize some of the terminologies on gender issue.

#### Sex

Sex refers to the biological differences between men and women, and boys and girls. It is defined as the property by which organisms are classified as male and female based on the

reproductive organs and functions. ([www.thefreedictionary.com](http://www.thefreedictionary.com)). Biological and physiological differences between males and females are represented by sex such as reproductive organs, chromosome, and hormones (WHO 2010).

#### Gender

Gender describes socially constructed differences between men and women, boys and girls etc. Gender is defined on the basis of social norms, behaviors, activities, relationship, responsibilities etc. which are assigned by the society as appropriate for male and female (WHO 2010).

#### Gender Equality

Gender equality means that both men and women, as human being, have equal rights and opportunities, irrespective of gender. It also refers that all people (men and women) must have equal rights to develop their personal abilities and free to make personal choice. State or society will not discriminate between men and women on the basis of gender. Moreover, gender equality emphasis that natural or biological differences between men and women will not lead to differences in status and rights in all spheres of life between men and women. Gender refers to the social, behavioral and cultural abilities, expectations and norms that distinguish between men and women (World Bank 2012). Gender equality refers to the extent to which opportunities of men and women are constrained or enhanced solely on the basis of gender

#### Gender Discrimination

Gender discrimination is the consequence of persistent inequalities between men and women in all spheres of life. The dimension and degree of discrimination against women manifest itself in different culture, policies, race, region, religion, counties and economies differently. However, gender discrimination is considered as a tremendous constraint towards the development process and it is found as a casual factor for violence against women. Gender equality is,