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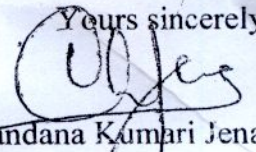
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Dear

Adviser, Planning Commission in his letter dated 28.05.2014, (copy enclosed) regarding the mid-term appraisal of the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan underlined the need for endowing women with land as an important instrument for empowering them economically and strengthening their ability to challenge social and political gender inequities. In this regard, he has referred to Paragraph 26, Chapter 23 of volume 3 of the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan document which states that the Hindu Succession Amendment Act (HSAA), 2005 brings all agricultural land at par with other properties, which makes Hindu Women's land inheritance rights equal to men's across States, overriding any inconsistent state laws. It further states that the Ministry of Women and Child Development, in collaboration with Department of Land Resources, would start monitoring the progress in implementation of Hindu Succession Amendment Act, 2005 relating to women land inheritance rights. In this context, it may be mentioned that while Department of Land Resources does not administer the Hindu Succession Amendment Act, 2005, it is proposed to maintain gender disaggregated data in land records which would capture land ownership data separately for females, along with joint titles, to comprehensively indicate the status of land recorded in the name of women. I would request the State Government to take action in this regard.

I am sure that the implementation of this initiative would go a long way in monitoring and enhancing the women's social and economic empowerment.

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Yours sincerely,  
  
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