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**To: All Members of MCCI Ladies Forum**

**All Members of MCCI**

Dear All,

**Re: Brief Proceedings of the MCCI-MLF joint session with Dr Kiran Bedi on 'Mandating Women Security' held on April 22, 2014 at The Oberoi Grand ,Kolkata**

Please find attached the Brief Proceedings of the MCCI- MLF session with Dr Kiran Bedi on 'Mandating Women Security' held on April 22, 2014 at The Oberoi Grand, Kolkata.

Thanking you,

Encl: Attached below

Yours faithfully,

**Muroti Chatterjee**  
**(Assistant Director General)**

**Brief Proceedings of the MCCI-MLF Session with Dr Kiran Bedi, on  
'Mandating Women Security' held on April 22, 2014 at The Oberoi Grand,  
Kolkata**

MCCI jointly with MCCI Ladies Forum organized a Session with Dr Kiran Bedi on 'Mandating Women Security' on April 22, 2014 at The Oberoi Grand, Kolkata.

Ms Divya Agarwal, Chairperson, MLF in her welcome address defined Insecurity as not only physical violence, but as **violence of the basic human rights to lead a normal, respectful and dignified life style**. Quoting NCRB (National Crime Records Bureau) Data, she said that **41.74% of the total Crimes committed during 2012 in India were against women where 18.20% were due to Cruelty by Husbands, followed by 7.75% due to Assault; 6.54% due to Kidnapping; 4.26% due to Rapes and 1.41% due to Dowry Deaths**. *She appealed to Dr Bedi for a way out and to say how best women in every walk and status of life can effectively take care and protect themselves and lead a life of honour and fulfillment. She invited all by saying 'we all, especially women need to be awakened and need to 'turn around' and 'demand justice and exercise the fundamental human right' to 'LIVE'. 'Life, Respect, Dignity, Justice are ALL GENDER NEUTRAL'. And it's high time we 'BELIEVE IN THIS DICTUM'!!!*

Dr Kiran Bedi, at her deliberation proclaimed- **'India needs to realize that each woman has equal potential in National Building and there has to be a collective will and determination to change India where Billions will decide for Millions and not vice versa. India cannot wait for another 50 years to experience the change'**.

Narrating the paradigm change of the country over the span of her lifetime in different roles, she said **'India has changed for worse since education is not valued . This country is no country with exceptions for one or two millions who are fortunate to have access to opportunity'**. Quoting shocking figures in Indian perspective she said, : **'77% women harassment are not reported, 48% women employees are harassed at workplace, there are 23 daily dowry deaths- a 28% rise since 2000, India is the 101st country in the 136 country Index for Gender Gap and is the home to 40% of World's child brides**

which manifest and underscore the patriarchal society which *limits the roles of women and men*.

She continued ' It's all play and all work for men here with all work and no play for women'. The Gender Biasedness of work in India is evident with 114 Mins daily domestic work time by Slovenian man compared to 19 Mins for Indian counterparts and less than 29% Women joining workforce in India compared to more than 66% in China. She questioned 'Is India Safe for women where 70% of them are migrated twice in their lifetime, once from home during marriage and once from their city'.

Dr Bedi believed that 'Nirbhaya was preventable at family and at constitutional level' since ' Crime begins at home and all School drop outs are Potential Criminals'.

Her 6 P Formula for Crime Prevention endorsed:

- ✓ **Parents, Principals and Panchayats** - Proper Nurturing by 'Parents, Principals seed the 'basic fundamental values in a child' and there is a need to **relegate back to Community based Panchayats which should be majored by Women**
- ✓ **Politicians** -should be the messenger of ensuring Rights with enhanced security
- ✓ **Police-** should be primarily responsible for all crimes by changing their attitude and '**only punishing the criminals irrespective of their geographical jurisdiction**'
- ✓ **Prosecution-** should ensure Fair and Expeditious Trials
- ✓ **Prison-** should arrange for training and conditional Bails
- ✓ **Press-** should encourage Healthy Entertainment

The 7<sup>th</sup> P for '**Mandating Physical Training for all women**' was added during the session.

She advocated a '**Crime Prevention Plan**' where there should be a separate Plan under each of the 7 Ps and it should be included within the Plan of the Central Government and should be '**Internally Audited**' regularly. She called for a

'Holistic Revolution of the societal thought process and the system which would overhaul the culture of the society, the issues of tolerance , discrimination, patriarchy'.

**Responding to floor questions she said: 'Do NOT ACCEPT NO' from Police, Know your Rights'. Indian Police System is diverse- Delhi is the Only state abiding by the UN system of 1:25 Female:Male Police Cop ratio. Police is a State subject and the efficiency of the Police depends on 'State Focus', 'Budgetary Allocation and 'Stress on Training at Work' and 'Politicization of Police' vary between the States across the nation.**

**On Elections she commented:'India needs a good Leader, and Shri Narendra Modi's leadership is instinctive and positive which can take the country to the next level'**

**Ms Saroj Saraf ,Co-Chairperson, MLF proposed the Vote of Thanks**

The session was well attended by over 200 Participants comprising: MLF Members, MCCI Members, Diplomats, Corporates, Guests and Media.

- **Muroti Chatterjee**