

## பெண்கள் கூட்டமைப்பு

### PENNGAL KOOTTAMAIPPU

**Our cities and towns are unliveable—filthy and unsafe. Our communities are at risk because of growing substance abuse. Our access to government services and grievance redressal and to decision-making power is limited.**

**FROM THOSE WHO SEEK OUR VOTE, WE DEMAND:**

- **A CLEAN CITY**

- **Provide** dustbins on every street to facilitate segregation of bio and other waste;
- **Ensure** regular and timely garbage collection;
- **Distribute** usable and potable water equally and fairly;
- **Remove** illegal street encroachments;
- **Assure** sanitary street food stalls;
- **Improve and maintain** drainage and sewage systems;
- **Maintain** clean and functional public toilets;
- **Inspect** sanitation systems and services on a regular schedule.

- **A SAFE CITY**

- **Resolve and commit** to protecting girl children in local government bodies, from the municipal corporation to the zilla parishad to the gram sabha;
- **Maintain** efficient and effective women and children's helplines;
- **Set up and ensure** proper functioning of the Local Complaints Committees;
- **Position and regularly review** surveillance cameras in sensitive and secluded areas;
- **Appoint** more women administrators and police officers;
- **Sensitise** parents, media and government workers to gender issues;
- **Commit** to introducing sex education and self-defence training in schools and the promotion of girls' and women's sports opportunities.

- **A CITY SECURE FROM ALCOHOL ABUSE AND ITS EFFECTS**

- **Relocate** TASMAL outlets away from residential areas, school and college neighbourhoods and public transportation hubs;
- **Regulate** TASMAL hours and insist on identity card checking to prevent underage drinking;
- **Install** CCTVs and police patrol vigilance around TASMAL outlets in the evening;
- **Establish and fund** deaddiction centres and helplines and family support services.

- **ACCESSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND SERVICES**

- **Assure** smooth benefits delivery;
- **Streamline** grievance redressal systems;
- **Create** awareness about e-services.

- **AN EQUAL VOICE FOR WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT AND DECISION-MAKING**

- **Appoint** women officials;
- **Nominate** 50% women candidates;
- **Take seriously** elected women officials and not as proxies;
- **Vest** decision-making power in women;
- **Respect** women's freedom of speech **and listen to** their perspectives.

*Charter of demands compiled by participants from: Centre for Women's Development and Research; Forum for Women's Rights and Development; Penn Thozhilalar Sangam; Positive Women's Network; Roshni; Working Women's Forum; and The Prajnya Trust.*