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'Parents entitled to girl's wealth'

Panel For Share In Self-Acquired Property Of Hindu Married Women

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New Delhi: Continuing with its progressive stance on family laws, especially empowering women, the Law Commission for the first time has recommended that self-acquired property of a married Hindu woman without a heir would go to her parents as well as her husband's family.

In case parents of a woman are not there, a part of her property would go to the heirs of her father. It would involve amendment in Section 15 of the Hindu Succession Act.

The proposed amendment would differentiate between inherited and self-acquired property of a Hindu woman. At present, Section 15 only prescribes that if a property is inherited from her husband or father-in-law, it would go to her husband's heirs and if the property is inherited from her parent, the same would go to the heirs of her father. The Act

does not enumerate about succession of a female Hindu's property where it is self-acquired. The same would devolve on her husband's heirs.

The commission's 207th suo motu report has come in the context of

changing social scenario when women have started owning property earned by their own skill. "These situations do not seem to have been in the contemplation of legislators when the Hindu Succession Act was enacted," it said. Another factor, it added, is that when amendments are made entitling women to inherit property from her parental side as well as her husband's side, it would be justified if equal rights if given to her parental heirs along with her husband's heirs to her property.



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