

Press Release

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Shrimathi Lalitha Kumaramangalam, Chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW) welcomed the Supreme Court judgment allowing women to work as registered make-up artists in the film industry.

The Supreme court order was issued on Monday (10-11-2014) on a petition filed in 2013 by one Charu Khurana challenging the existing gender bias in the Cine Costume and Make up Artists Association(CCMAA) that specified that only men could be registered as its members.

Terming it as a major victory for women make-up artists all over the country, the Chairperson, NCW said that at last the justice has prevailed and that she was glad NCW had provided adequate legal support in this matter.

The Commission had taken the initiative on the representation of Ms. Charu Khurana alleging deprivation of her fundamental rights due to the biased approach of the "Cine Costume and Makeup Artist Association (CCMAA)" and "Film Employees Federation of South India (FEESI)" by not allowing her to register/work as a Makeup Artist and Hair dresser. NCW was also allowed to be a party respondent in the writ petition.

The NCW Chief also congratulated the NCW Counsel, Ms Meenakshi Arora who advocated the case of the petitioner on behalf of the NCW and the petitioner's advocate, Ms. Jyotika Kalra who fought this case on pro-bono basis on the request of the NCW.