

## WOMEN IN KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS – URMILA DEVI DASI

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

This is both a topical and sensitive subject and our goal is to discuss it in a measured and productive way. So how to understand and explain some of the more controversial references from Srila Prabhupada on women and the role of women? How do they affect our own Vaishnavis and how can they can be seen in a positive light by the general public and the media?

- What can we do as society to deal best with this topic?
- Are we too male oriented in ISKCON?
- Do we still discriminate or mistreat our Vaishnavis?
- In what way are ladies less intelligent?
- Are there geographical factors that we need consider as far as this subject is concerned?
- Is there anything we can we do to make our society more attractive to non-devotee women?
- Are there practical ways that we can demonstrate better gender equality in our temples, without transgressing basic principles given to us by Srila Prabhupada? (temple room access etc)