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### Evidences

1. Srila Prabhupada writes in Srimad Bhagavatam 4.12.32 "Sunéti, however, being a woman, and specifically his mother, could not become Dhruva Mahārāja's dékñā-guru."
2. In June 18 1976 discussing with Prof O'Connell Srila Prabhupada cites Jahnava Ma as an example to confirm women can be gurus but says that there are "... not so many. "
3. In Dec 3 1968 Srila Prabhupada wrote to Hamsadutta: I want that all of my spiritual sons and daughters will inherit this title of Bhaktivedanta..Maybe by 1975, all of my disciples will be allowed to initiate and increase the numbers of the generations."

### Summary

Based on Srila Prabhupada's statements women in principle can give initiation, although it is a rare phenomenon, rare enough that Suniti could not be the guru of Dhruva. And although Prabhupada mentioned women would initiate by 1975, he never put it into practice in 1977. What therefore is the qualification for a woman to initiate?

### Conclusion

At this stage I have not heard arguments to explain the above contradictions. Therefore I don't propose we do something that is rare, and that Prabhupada didn't do until we can resolve Srila Prabhupada's apparently contradictory statements.