

**F. No. 1/6/2006-NCW (Admn.)**

**National Commission for Women**

**Sub.: Minutes of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Commission held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2007 in the Conference Hall of NCW, New Delhi.**

The following attended the meeting:-

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| 1. | Dr. Girija Vyas         | Chairperson      |
| 2. | Ms. Yasmeen Abrar       | Member           |
| 3. | Ms. Malini Bhattacharya | Member           |
| 4. | Ms. Manju S.Hambrom     | Member           |
| 5. | Ms. Neeva Konwar        | Member           |
| 6. | Ms. Nirmala Venkatesh   | Member           |
| 7. | Sh. S. Chatterjee       | Member Secretary |

In attendance were :-

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| 1. | Ms. Kusum Mishra  | Deputy Secretary     |
| 2. | Shri Yogesh Mehta | Law Officer          |
| 3. | Shri S.K. Nanda   | Sr. Research Officer |
| 4. | Shri S.K. Jain    | PAO                  |
| 5. | Sh. Abdus Salam   | Under Secretary      |

Item NO. 1 **Leave of absence.**

All members were present. The Members were requested to ensure presence and present be on time for the Commission's Meetings whenever held.

Item No. 2. **Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 28.09.2007.**

While confirming the minutes of the meeting held on 28/9/07, the following decisions were taken on the following items:-

(i) In Item No.4. Instead of Ministry of Home Affairs mentioned, it should be Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Accordingly, the corrections may be made. The comments of M(MB) would be sent to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare within a week's time.

(ii) In Item No.6. Date of convening the meeting of Expert Committee on Agricultural Policy for Women would be decided and fixed by M(MB).

(iii) In Item No.14. A meeting was held with the D.M. and summoned persons to discuss the steps taken by them. The Nari Niketan, Karnal, Haryana would again be visited by M(MB) and M(YA) to ensure that action as indicated by the officials have been implemented.

(iv) In Item No.16. Instead of **Sarita** Garg as mentioned in the minutes, the name should be rectified as **Savita** Garg. In this case, a reminder is to be sent to Ministry of Labour. The ESI Hospital would be visited by M(MB) and M(NK) again to see the action taken in the matter.

Item No.3. **ATR for the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2007.**

ATR should be completed before the next meeting of the Commission.

**(Action: R&S Cell/Legal Cell/C&I Cell)**

Item No.4. **Minutes of the Screening Committee Meeting for Public Hearing, Workshops, Seminars and Research Studies held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2007. (Received from R&S Cell)**

Confirmed. It was decided that whenever papers were wanted, the organizations should be asked to send the relevant documents. This should be ensured.

**(Action: R&S Cell)**

Item No.5. **Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Screening Committee Meeting for the year (2007-08) for (a) Legal Awareness Programmes; (b) Parivarik Mahila Lok Adalats; (c) Workshops/Research Studies/Seminars/Public Hearings, held on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2007. (Received from R&S Cell)**

Confirmed. The decision taken in item No.4 should be followed.

**(Action: R&S Cell)**

Item No.6. **Item-wise breakup of expenditure on Awareness Programmes, Legal Awareness Programmes, Parivarik Mahila Lok Adalats (PMLAs) – consideration for 10% re-appropriation in head-wise expenditure reg. (Received from R&S Cell)**

It was decided that the head-wise expenditure as decided earlier should be forwarded to the NGOs with Sanction Letters after clubbing (a) and (b). However, deductions should not be made, as long as the overall amount was not exceeded and the expenditure under any one head was not disproportionately high.

**(Action : Legal Cell/R&S Cell)**

Item No.7. **Report on the Regional Level Seminar on “Land and Resource Rights of Indigenous Women in North East India” organized on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 by Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women in collaboration with Consult for Women and Land Rights (CWLR). (Received from R&S Cell)**

Noted. Balance payment to be released. It was decided that the concerned Members will examine the report and place their recommendations in next meeting.

**(Action : R&S Cell)**

Item No.8. **Report on the Research Study on “Employment Rights of Disabled Women in India : a Study of Compliance and Impact of the Persons with Disabilities Act with Special Reference to UP, Rajasthan, Bihar, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu” conducted by Society for Disability and Rehabilitation Studies, New Delhi. (Received from R&S Cell)**

Approved. Report to be placed on the web-site of NCW. Recommendation to be sent to the Central Government/State Government/concerned authorities. 200 copies of the report to be printed. Balance payment to be released.

**(Action : R&S Cell)**

Item No.9. **Report of the Research Study on “Health Profile of Rural Women in West Bengal” conducted by Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandir, Belur Matha, Howrah, West Bengal. (Received from R&S Cell).**

Approved. Report to be placed on the web-site of NCW. Recommendations to be sent to the State Government/concerned authorities. Balance payment to be released.

**(Action R&S Cell)**

Item No.10. **Report of the Research Study on “HIV Psycho – Social Perspective” conducted by UGC Centre for Women’s Studies, Mohan Sukhadia University, Udaipur, Rajasthan. (Received from R&S Cell) (Received from R&S Cell)**

The report was noted. The balance payment is to be released.

**(Action ; R&S Cell)**

Item No.11. **Report of the Research Study on Women in Panchayat in the District of Bankura conducted by Paschim Rarh Itihas Sanskriti Charcha Kendra, Bankura, West Bengal.(Received from R&S Cell)**

Noted. Balance payment to be released.

**(Action ; R&S Cell)**

Item No.12. **The Jharkhand Registration of Marriages Bill 2006 (Received from Legal Cell)**

The Commission approved the bill, subject to the following :

- (a) Marriage should be defined as recommended by the NCW in its proposal.
- (b) The fees should be reduced to Rs.100/- instead of Rs.250/- and there should be an exemption clause in the bill.

**(Action : Legal Cell)**

Item No.13. **Study on cases under Section 125 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973**

A special meeting should be convened to discuss this issue.

**(Action : Legal Cell)**

Item No.14. **Advertisement calling for application for Research Studies**

Deferred. A Committee consisting of one or two Members of NCW, a few experts from academics or Research Institutes and one officer from NCW to act as Member Secretary of this Committee may be constituted to look into the matter and suggest topics. The committee will also scrutinize the applications. The Committee should be set up immediately.

**(Action : R&S Cell)**

Item No.15. **Revision of emoluments of Smt.Neetu Kashyap, Junior Accountant.**

It was decided that the emoluments of Smt.Neetu Kashyap, Jr. Accountant be enhanced from Rs.7000/- to Rs.10,000/- prospectively.

**(Action : Admin.)**

Item No.16. **NCW recommendations sent to the Govt. of India Note received from M(MB).**

Approved. Action should be taken accordingly.

**Action : Admn.)**

Item No.17. **Extension of Ms.Sinu Jain as Research Assistant.**

It was decided that the services of Ms.Sinu Jain as Research Assistant on consolidated pay of Rs.7000/- p.m. be utilized for 3 months w.e.f. 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2007.

**(Action : Admn.)**

Item No.18. **Any other item with the permission of Chair.**

**1. Regularization of daily wagers.**

The issue is to be examined in the light of the discussions and action taken in the matter within 15 days.

2. PSs should be instructed to report to US(Admn.) when the concerned Members are out of Station, so that they can be deputed to attend the duties of other officers in the Commission. The administration wing should ensure this.

**(Action Admn.)**

**3. Engagement of Project Coordinators**

Applications received after due date (i.e. 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2007) may also be considered alongwith 91 applications received within the due date, to enable wider selection.

**(Action : Admn.)**

4. It was decided that in the case of LAP/PMLA/Research Studies, Public Hearings, Seminars/Workshops, the funds for first installment will be released only in respect of cases approved by the Screening Committee on or after 31.3.2007. In respect of the cases which were approved prior to 31.3.2007, if the first installment has already been released upto 6.11.2007, only the case for release of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment will be processed. All other cases will be treated as closed and not processed for release of first installment in any case.

**(Action : Legal & R&S Cell)**

5. It was decided that all programmes of seminars/workshops etc. should be put on website.

**(Action : Legal & R&S Cell)**