

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Commission held on 8th June 2020 at 11:30 A.m. at Conference Hall of National Commission for Women, New Delhi

The special meeting of the Commission was held on 8th June 2020 at 11:30 A.M. in the Conference Room under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Rekha Sharma, Hon'ble Chairperson, NCW. The list of participants is annexed as Annexure.

2. At the outset, Member-Secretary welcomed all participants and requested Hon'ble Chairperson to initiate discussion as per agenda. Then, each agenda point was discussed in length and following recommendation/decisions were taken:-

3.Item No. SM/I: Revision of wages payable to the officials working in the Commission on contract basis.

Hon'ble Chairperson stated that it would not be appropriate to enhance the wages keeping in view of pandemic and its impact on economy of the country. Keeping in view of the anticipated cut in the B.E. and feedback received from other Govt.organisations/offices, this agenda may be deferred for six months or so.

4.Item No.SM/II- Issues/topics /thrust areas for conducting Research Studies during the financial year 2020-2021:-

The issues were discussed and the following decisions have been taken:

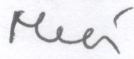
Issue	Discussion Points	Decision Taken
1. Themes to be taken up for research in 2020-21	It was discussed that each theme that is taken up for research, should be studied in all four regions in the country so that it becomes possible to have a more representative and country-wide view on each theme. This would also provide more credibility and legitimacy to any policy suggestions that result from research.	It was decided to take up following four themes for research in the current year. For each of the four themes, research projects would be awarded in each of the four regions of the country. This means 16 research projects would be taken up in the current year. A concept paper and indicative questionnaire would be included in the proposal inviting research projects. Themes would be: (1) Domestic Violence and related legal framework for

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		<p>women's rights including Dowry Prohibition Act</p> <p>(2) Mental Health problems experienced by women</p> <p>(3) Cyber Security and Threats in Cyber Space faced by Women</p> <p>(4) Legal Framework for Inter-State Migrant Laborers with focus on problems faced by women laborers</p>
<p>2. Who would be eligible to participate in research</p>	<p>It was discussed that in the past the NCW has faced problems that research projects remain incomplete for a long time and very often agencies awarded the project, deviate from the terms and conditions offered by NCW. To avoid such problems, we can think of inviting only NAAC rated colleges and universities to participate in the research.</p>	<p>1. It was decided that only universities and colleges rated either in the 'A+', 'A' or 'B' grades by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), an autonomous body of the Universities Grant Commission) would be eligible to participate in the research projects. The rating should be valid till 2020-21.</p> <p>2. It was also decided that a contract should be signed with each institution awarded a research project specifying the responsibilities of the institution.</p>
<p>3. Cost of sample survey can vary between large, medium and small states</p>	<p>It was pointed out that in this year's research proposal, the cost of data collection component is Rs. 9 lacs and ceiling for one project is Rs. 19 lacs. The other costs include honorarium to Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator, travel costs, data processing and miscellaneous expenditure. This cost is</p>	<p>1. It was decided that for budget purposes, there would be three categories of states:</p> <p>(i) Large states where ceiling cost of data collection would be Rs. 9 lakhs. Ceiling for such states per project would be Rs. 19 lakhs (maximum).</p> <p>(ii) Medium states where ceiling cost for data</p>

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	<p>higher than has been the case in the past.</p> <p>Member Secretary explained that research agencies should be asked to explain their sampling method and procedure to ensure that the research conducted is of good quality. Conducting an academically sound and rigorous sample survey includes administering a questionnaire to the respondents. Both individual and institutional respondents would be included. Administering one questionnaire can easily take upto 2-3 hours, hence a cost of Rs. 300 per questionnaire is suggested.</p> <p>It was discussed that costs of data collection would vary between large, medium and small states.</p> <p>The current proposal under discussion envisages a maximum cost of Rs. 300 per questionnaire and a maximum sample size of 3000. Cost of data collection comes to Rs. 9 lakhs for this sample size and total ceiling for such a project would be Rs. 19 lakhs. This is appropriate for large states like Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra but for</p>	<p>collection would be Rs. 5 lakhs. Ceiling for such states per project would be Rs. 15 lakhs (Rupees Fifteen lakhs only) (maximum).</p> <p>(iii) Small states where ceiling cost for data collection would be Rs. 3 lakhs. Ceiling for such states per project would be Rs. 13 lakhs (Rupees Thirteen lakhs only)(maximum).</p> <p>2. It was reiterated that for TA/DA government rules should be followed.</p>

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	medium and small states, sample size can be smaller.	
4. Advance instalment that could be released once project is sanctioned	Joint Secretary said that under government rules, only 50% advance should be given to an agency.	It was decided that funds would be released in 2 instalments of 50% each. First instalment would be released once project is sanctioned.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



(Meeta Rajivlochan)
Member Secretary



(Rekha Sharma)
Chairperson

Annexure

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE SPEICAL MEETING OF THE
COMMISSION HELD ON 8TH JUNE 2020-06-08**

1. Smt. Rekha Sharma	Chairperson
2. Smt. Kamalesh Gautam	Member
3. Smt. Soso Shaiza	Member
4. Smt. Chandramukhi Devi	Member
5. Smt. Shyamala S. Kundar	Member
6. Dr. Rajulben L. Desai	Member
7. Smt. Meeta Rajivlochan	Member-Secretary
8. Shri A. Asholi Chalai	Joint Secretary
9. Shri Pradeep Kumar	Deputy Secretary
10. Smt. Priti Kumar	Under Secretary
11. Smt. Loma Vasisth	Senior Research Officer