

Minutes of the Commission's meeting
held on 9th,10th and 14th June,1999

Date: 9th June,1999

Time :10.00 A.M.

Venue: Chairperson's Chamber

At the outset Chairperson welcomed all present.

Agenda items were then taken up

Agenda Item No .1

Confirmation of the minutes of the preceding meeting of the
Commission held on 17th &19th May.1999

Member (P.Advani) suggested reading through the minutes, After reading through them the minutes were confirmed with the following changes:-

- (i) In para 2.1 in the 5th line, "the entire Commission's' should be read as "the entire Commission is'.
- (ii) In para 3.1, the remaining part of the sentence after read out the minutes would be deleted.
- (iii) In para 3.3, it was minuted that everything recorded by Member (P.Advani) will be incorporated as minutes after MS and CP have gone through them. This could be amended as everything as recorded by Member (P.Advani) on 13th April.99.
- (iv) In para 3.5, the sentence would read as ' it was agreed..... with the idea of wall planner for tours'.
- (v) At page 4, para iv after the sentence that "the meeting started at 10.40 A.M. after the arrival of all Members" ,an additional line would be added - All Members were under the impression that the meeting was scheduled for 10.30 A.M.

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- (vi) With regard to page 5 (para vii) it was clarified that the notes of Member (P.Advani) which were to form part of the minutes were not included as Annexures as they were yet to be received.
- (vii) In para 8 at page 5 in line 6, the word 'senior' would be deleted. After the sentence that "officials will continue to be present in the Commission's meeting", the following would be added. "She added that this be done for the next 2 months and then reviewed".
- (viii) In para 13 Agenda Item No.6, in sub-para 2, the third sentence would be added - 'Member (V.Daksh) and Member (S.S.Hameed) felt that he was not upto the mark.

Agenda Item No.2

Members of the Commission-outcome of discussions with prominent men activists on 17.3.99

Member (S.S.Hameed) said that the response to the letter of Dr.Lotika Kar has been drafted. CP's comments and approval are awaited. CP she is looking into it. With regard to the letter of Rakesh Prasad, the matter was taken as read and noted.

Agenda Item No.3

Procedure for conduct of Business in the Commission- Agenda note already circulated with the agenda for the Commission's meeting on 6th March,99

Member (P.Advani) said that she had submitted a note which was given follow up to the meeting of 25th February,1999. She stated that the note was adopted and resolved on 4th March,99 in the Commission's meeting. She wanted to know why the matter was being taken up again

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and desired to know (a) whether the note was adopted and resolved ,(b) why a document adopted and resolved was again brought up as Agenda Item ,(c) why the present Agenda Item at 3 does not even contain the information that such a note was adopted.

Smt. Leena Mehendale, Member Secretary In-charge said that the regular Member Secretary was not a party to any of the discussions on the subject held between the CP and the five Members. As such, no decision on adoption of any Procedure for Conduct of Business in the Commission should be held without giving the Member Secretary an opportunity to examine the same and convey her views after such examination to the Commission.

Member (P.Advani) wanted to initiate discussion on the procedure for regulating the Conduct of Business in the Commission which was being separately discussed by the CP and Members. She said that the Commission meeting could discuss and adopt the procedure as amended. CP responded that the discussions between herself and the 5 Members were not yet complete and papers are not yet ready and without the background paper no such discussion could be placed in the Commission's meeting. It was decided by CP to close the discussion on this point.

Agenda Item No.4&5

Allocation of subjects amongst Members

Constitution and working of the Screening Committees

Since these are also part of procedures on which discussions are continuing and background paper is not ready, discussion on this Agenda Item was deferred.



Agenda Item No.6

Report on participation of Women on Panchayat Raj in India for consideration and approval of the Commission

Member (S.S.Hameed) said the report could be released as a part of the political empowerment agenda and suggested that the Commission may adopt the report. Since all Members had not gone through the report, discussion on this Agenda Item was postponed.

Agenda Item No.7,9 to 12

Agenda Item No.6,7, 9 to 12 were postponed for discussion as Members had not gone through the relevant reports.

Agenda Item No.8

Interaction with Media

Since this was also connected with the procedure being brought out, discussion was deferred.

Agenda Item No.14

Expert Committee to review the laws relating to Dowry - For approval and ratification by the Commission

The setting up of the Expert Committee to review laws relating to dowry was ratified.

Member (P.Advani) was asked to briefly indicate the background of the experts constituting this Committee. She said that Members of the Expert Committee were from the 7 sisters so as to elicit reactions from the women's movement and women's group. Now that the discussions on the issues have been completed, a Sub-Committee would be formed as a draft committee comprising lawyers only, to give the legislative input. CP wanted to know whether the review of laws relating to dowry comprise both review and amendments. Member (P.Advani) clarified that only

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critical analysis was done. After the legislative Sub-Committee meets and gives its report the Expert committee would meet again. CP desired that the note of the Committee be circulated. Member (P.Advani) said that the report is ready and she would circulate the same.

Agenda Item No.15

Expert Committee to examine the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act – For approval and ratification by the Commission

The Expert committee constitution was ratified. Member (P.Advani) gave a brief background of each Member of the Expert Committee. Member (SSH) said that the Commission had an Expert Committee on Prostitution working under the Smt. Padma Seth which had probably not met after 1997. CP suggested additions of the names of Smt. Sheela Barse and Smt. Rami Chhabra. Member (P.Advani) clarified that the opinion of Smt. Sheela Barse is already taken care of as her report has been made available to the Committee. Member (S.S Hameed) said that the Members of the Expert Committee should be invited to NCW. CP opined that constitution of the Expert Committee should reflect the national character. For example in case of prostitution, a Member could have been taken from Goa. She also maintained that meetings of the Expert Committees should be held in Delhi. Member (V. Daksh) and Member (I. Basavaraj) felt that regional committees should be set up so as to get inputs from all states.

The constitution of the Committee was ratified with effect from 26.4.99. Member (P. Advani) clarified that the period for which the Committee was set up for one year.

CP felt that whenever an expert committee is proposed to be set up, it is necessary to prepare detailed notes. The proposal should contain the rationale/objective, the composition of the proposed Committee and should also invite suggestions for names from other Members. MS incharge was of the opinion that the duration of the Committee and notes on the earlier work done by NCW on the same subject should also be included in the proposal. CP added that Committee should submit periodical reports and periodicity should be mentioned in the proposal.

The Commission ratified the setting up of the Expert Committee with the following observations:-

- (a) the Proposal should be more detailed and should contain the following:-
- (1) rationale indicating the reasons why it is being set up.
 - (2) Historical background of the issue in the NCW
 - (3) Objective i.e. outcome expected
 - (4) Methodology
 - (5) Invitation to Members for suggestions on the content and composition and names of members of the Expert Committee.
 - (6) Time span for which set up
 - (7) Periodicity of reports.
 - (8) Budget giving the details of funds expected.
- (b) The Commission ratified the said Committee subject to the information detailed in (a) above being made available by Member (P. Advani) for this Expert Committee.

Agenda Item No.16

Report on the Sanhauli Case of Gangrape and Brutal Atrocities on Harijan Women in Bihar – for approval of the Commission

The report was approved. CP commented on it as being very well written. She however said that in this case the report was released to the media before obtaining the approval of the Commission. Such an exception was made because a press conference was anyway being called to inform them about the NCW's new thrust areas. As a rule nothing should be released to the Press / others without first being approved by the

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Commission. In very exceptional circumstances where immediate action is required, action may be taken. However, CP said the Commission must be informed as soon as possible thereafter.

At this point Member (V.Daksh) left for some urgent work and expected to rejoin the meeting on her return.

Agenda Item No.17

Request from Akhil Bharatiya Pragatisheel Mahila Association, Bihar regarding demand that women agricultural labour carry arms for self protection -proposed by Member (P.Advani)

CP opined that she was against violence in any form. If women carry arms it would aggravate this problem and not lead to any solution.

Member Secretary In-charge said only the District Magistrate can give a license under the Arms Act and NCW is only a recommendatory body. The Commission wants to state that carrying arms is needed because of the failure of the state machinery, this statement has to be brought before the Parliament and only the Parliament could decide on the issue and initiate necessary action.

The Commission decided not to support the request.

Agenda Item No.18

Request for financial assistance for publication of book by Smt.Rukminibai Krishna Desai

CP said this was a unique case. Member (S.S.Hameed) said the proposal was good especially because it would be a support for elderly women during this Year of the Elderly. The Commission desired to know the norms relating to publication of books, precedents, limits for sanction of funds. MS (I/c) informed that till now no precedence was there. It was decided to agree to this request and prepare norms etc. for future

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occasions, the book may have a foreword/ preface by CP, NCW. We would ask them to also explore the possibility of a Hindi Translation as the book was in Marathi.

Agenda Item No.19

Publication/awareness generation for women's development by Women Development Corporation, Sikar-Letter sent by Collector and Distt. Magistrate, Sikar.

It was decided to write to DG.Doordarshan.

Agenda Item No.20

Request for financial assistance for the Saathin Sammelan in Jaipur

The proposal was ratified. CP observed that although financial assistance was given no Member from the Commission had gone to attend the meeting. This was regrettable.

Agenda Item No.21

Procedure for sanction of proposals

Since the item was connected with Agenda Item No.3. discussion was deferred.

Agenda Item No.22

Delay in placing cars at the disposal of Members

CP explained the position as contained in the Agend. Note. Member (S.S.Hameed) wanted to know the amount incurred on hiring of taxis even after taking delivery of the cars. CP said it would be worked out only after cars are actually registered and brought to use.

CP said that Member Secretary has proceeded on leave and as such he car was available for use by the Commission. She left it open to the Members to decide to whom this car should be allotted.

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Item No.23

Committee to review NCW Act and Rules to draft the NCW
ory Procedures,1999

Decided that the same background as mentioned in Agenda Item
d 15 should be given by Member (P/A) after which the proposal
considered.

Item No.24

re for summons attendance

Discussions had been held with Shri Rakesh Prasad(Advocate for
retainership basis). It was decided that a formal reference would
to Shri Rakesh Prasad. The Commission adopted the format for
, drafted by Rakesh Prasad and modified by Joint
(Format annexed).

Item No.25


harassment of nurse of Lala Ram Swarup Institute of TB-
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of nurses who were complainants came and presented their case
mission.

Item No.26

from Vimochana regarding the Truth Commission for

t that maximum of Rs.25,000 could be sanctioned for the pre-
ings in terms of the norms fixed for regional hearing.



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Agenda Item No.27

Letter from Shevolution Democracy Skills Training regarding a "Planning Marathon for success in politics and public life.

In principle, the Commission supports the proposal. If British Council funds the same there would be no need for NCW to fund the programme.

Agenda Item No.28

Sponsoring of NCW films

The Commission would continue to make efforts to get the films sponsored and shown on Doordarshan and at other Fora. It was felt that a meeting may be held in which the Minister(I&B), Secretary(I&B) and a few selected invitees may be invited to work out a strategy. Member (S.S.Hameed) was requested to put up a proposal.

Before discussion on Agenda Item No.29 could be taken up, Member (V.Daksh) returned and raised an objection for having discussed Agenda Item No.22 in her absence. She wanted to go back to it. CP said that discussions was over on the said Agenda Item and would not be revived. Since Member (V.Daksh) continued to ask for re-opening the discussion and would not accept the ruling. CP adjourned the meeting.

2nd Session

Date: 10.6.99 Time 10 A.M. Venue: Chairperson's Chamber

During the 2nd Session, discussion was continued on the items deferred on 9th June.

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Item No.6on participation of Women on Panchayat Raj in India for
discussion and approval of the Commission

were invited to give their opinion. Member (S.S.Hameed) was of adopting the recommendations. Member (P.Advani) and (V.Daksh) agreed with Member (S.S.Hameed). Member suggested the recommendations are good especially relating to However, the Commission should think of ways to improve the status of the women in Panchayati Raj.

Secretary In-charge said that 6 states have been studied in the Every state has its own Gram Panchayat Act. The relationship between the Gram Panchayat and Zilla Parishad should have been discussed in the report. Further, in several cases, women sarpanches were removed by a no confidence motion and replaced by a man. Since the problem varied state-wise there is no single solution. Since the control of Panchayats is with the Sarpanch, allegations of misappropriation can be made easily. Therefore, quick training in financial management can be provided and given even to illiterate women Sarpanches. Some of the existing Panchayati Raj Institutions which give training have not been considered in the Report. Each State also has a state-level Secretaries to the Gram Panchayats. Appointment of women Secretaries as Secretaries should be suggested as a strategy.

Member (S.Oram) said although a decision was taken by the NCW to study women in Panchayati Raj has been conducted by Smt.Nirmala Centre for Women Development Studies which includes some of the stricts taken by Prof.Sushila Kaushik in the NCW's sponsored study. No reference has been made to the report of Smt.Nirmala Buch.

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the study. She personally came to know of it only through the State Commissions and NGOs. This should be avoided in future.

- It was decided that the recommendations need to be tightened. MS would discuss recommendations with Smt.Sushila Kaushik in line with the discussions held in this meeting. The recommendations would be placed before the Commission for adoption after the changes are made.

Item No:7

Private Members' Bill titled "The Special Courts for Women Bill,1998"

Member (S.Oram) and MS In-charge queried whether Special Courts would be effective.. It was felt by them that it is better to improve implementation of the existing structure ,for example Legal Aid Boards. It was felt that even PMLA cases are withdrawn from Family courts because the latter are not able to handle them.

MS In-charge was also of the view that whenever an attempt is made to set up any special court the first step is to challenge its validity, which is used as a delay tactic. It is, therefore, necessary to tighten the existing provisions and make it more effective through SC guidelines rather than establish new special court. In any case if such special courts are set up women issues will be shunted to such courts and systemic maladies will creep in, thus delaying the cause of women further.

CP felt that if such courts are set up a distinction is necessary between gender related crimes which should be sent to the women courts, and general crimes which should go to the civil/criminal courts. Every woman would need to know where the cases are to be filed. This will further confuse the matters.

Member (P.Advani) said that time limit for disposal is necessary. Even family courts have become property litigation courts and are functioning as parallel civil courts. She suggested that we must look first at family

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courts for which an interactive workshop with judges manning family courts is necessary. In her opinion the concept and rationale for setting up the special court was good and was needed.

Item No.9

Draft National Tourism Policy received from Ministry of Tourism for consideration

During the discussions, the following suggestions were made:

- (a) The problems of sex tourism and child abuse in tourist spots especially in Goa, Kovalam, Sikkim have not been highlighted. (suggested by Member (S.S.Hameed), Member (S.Oram) and CP).
- (b) Problems arising from the Mutta Marriage in Bombay, Madras, Hyderabad which involve old men from the Gulf countries marrying young girls for the sake of convenience in accordance with the provisions of Mutta Marriage under the Muslim Personal Law should be brought forth. This is occurring as a result of Arab Tourism. Such tourists are located in Guest Houses and even in nursing homes where they come for treatment (by Member (P.Advani)).
- (c) Tourism is something which is needed and would have to be promoted. Domestic tourism has also to be emphasised, specific mention of it has to be made. The policy stresses on five star culture, Arrangements should also be made for the middle class tourists (by Member Secretary (In-charge)).
- (d) In some places women are using their cooking skills to cater to tourists thus providing income generating activity for the family. Training of women in several such fields can be undertaken to tap the potential arising out of tourism (by Member Secretary (In-charge)).
- (e) Tourism also results in degradation of the environment. As this affects women, eco- friendly tourism should be encouraged (by Member Secretary (In-charge)).

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f) Protection is necessary for women tourists who travelling singly or in groups and is necessary for both foreign and domestic tourists (by DS).

g) Hotel/ accommodation also need to cater to women tourists travelling singly or in groups (by DS).

) clean toilets for women are necessary especially on highways (by Member Secretary (In-charge)).

) AIDS education in tourist spots is necessary (by CP,DS).

was decided that the above would be included in the response letter to be sent to the Ministry of Tourism.

Agenda Item No.10

Report prepared by Tamil Nadu Women's Forum on a public hearing on violence against Dalit Women.

was decided that similar hearings may be held in selected regions and other places. One compilation should be published of all the regional hearings which would provide a good comparative study. Member (Daksh) could work out the outline for such a study.

Agenda Item No.11

Granting exemption to women to wear helmets-amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act.

The Commission agreed to the recommendations that women should wear helmets. MS I/c in her dissenting note said that creating awareness about the need to wear helmets for sufficient protection is necessary, but since wearing of a helmet is not hazardous to others, the decision to wear a helmet or not should be left to one's own judgement. She felt that the exemption can be extended to men also.

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Agenda Item No.12

Report received from FORCES on the Seminar on 'Campaign for Maternity, Child Care and Development-approval of the Commission.

The report was considered very good. Its recommendations were accepted.

Agenda Item No.13

Draft National Policy for Women - note circulated by MS for consideration and approval of the Commission.

The draft note of MS was adopted to be sent to Department of WCD.

Item No.29

Proposal for conduct of five regional workshops on Agricultural NGOs- submitted by VARDAN

NCW norms for regional workshops limit the maximum funding to Rs.25,000/- per workshop. However, Member (I.Basavaraj) said that in an earlier case for a workshop on Sericulture, a sum of Rs.35,000 was given. In this case due to special circumstances it was decided that funding may be given upto to Rs.35,000/- In view of the impending monsoon, the forthcoming elections and the Commission's State visits ,it was felt that Member (I.Basavaraj) would be able to undertake only two workshops. At present, the Commission decided to sanction two workshops to be funded for upto Rs.35,000/- per workshop. CP and Member (I.Basavaraj) would have a meeting with Shri C.K.Prasad who had sent the proposal and finalise details. If the third workshop could be managed by Member (I.Basavaraj) ,the same would be considered by the Commission subsequently.

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Agenda Item No.30:

Documentary film on Women in the 1999 Election with a focus on the Bill for Reservation for Women in Parliament- proposal received from Mrs.Manju Kak

The Commission required a more detailed proposal before it could consider the proposal received. A letter would be written to Smt.Manju Kak asking for details.

Agenda Item No.31: +

Cabinet Note- Setting up of the Central Manpower Export Promotion Council and Constitution of the Indian Overseas Workers' Welfare Fund -Response of the Commission sent-Ratification reg.

The response of the Commission was ratified. CP felt that the emphasis was on Arab countries whereas people were also going to work as house keepers, cooks, child minders to the UK and USA as well. There are also agencies supplying professionals/trained domestics for officers posted abroad. This may need to be incorporated.

Agenda Item No.32

Sale of Girls in Eluru, West Godavari Distt.A.P-Report prepared by Member (I.Basavaraj) and JS

Recommendations contained in the Report were accepted.

The meeting was adjourned to 14.6.99

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Date: 14.6.99

Time: 10.00 A.M.

Venue: Chairperson's Chamber

Member (P.Advani) informed the Commission that she had received a telephonic message from Member (V.Daksh) from a place beyond Dehradun where telecommunication is difficult. She conveyed to the Commission that Member (V.Daksh) would not be able to reach the Commission at 10.00 A.M and had requested for postponement of meeting by one hour.

CP decided to go ahead with the meeting without waiting for the Member as all the other Members had already assembled and the message was conveyed to the Commission only at 10.10 A.M by Member (P.Advani)

Agenda Item No.33 x

Consideration of offer by Ms.Naina Kapur, Ms.Jasjit Purewal and Ms.Kirti Singh to draft the final bill on sexual assault based on State reports on rape laws

Member (P.Advani) said that these persons have been associated with the current project. They would be looking at the state-wise reports received on the workshop on the Rape Laws and would- redraft the amendments suggested by NCW.

MS (I/c) wanted to know whether this was a fresh proposal and if the earlier work done by the Commission had been consulted. Also whether the earlier series of workshops organised by Member (P.Advani) had not resulted in any draft.

Member (P.Advani) clarified she could not lay hands on the earlier files of the Commission. However, NCW's publication - NCW Recommendations on Laws, Amendments, New Bills had been referred to. This publication had been sent to all the workshops for their consideration. MS (In-Charge) clarified that recommendations of NCW as defined under Section 0(2) of the Act are contained in the Annual Reports and not other publications of the NCW. Hence Annual Reports must be referred to. The Reports are accessible to all.

Member (S.S.Hameed) said that she was told that about 135 files were handed over by Smt.Padma Seth

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on her leaving the Commission. She suggested these files may now be given to Member (P. Advani) for reference. CP said efforts should be made to trace the files referred to.

It was decided that the proposal would be processed after Member (P. Advani) has gone into the issue with in the Annual Reports.

a Item No.34

Preparation of a publication in the form of a Ready Reckoner for the NCW

When queried why the project was located at Mumbai, Member (P. Advani) clarified that all the material documents are at Mumbai and the interviews and discussions could be conducted by Member (P. Advani) herself. MS (In-charge) pointed out that the cost of publication was not given even as an estimate.

It was decided that the proposal will be confined in the initial stage to the preparation of the material. It was sanctioned for Rs.30,000-35,000 to be paid to Shri Matai and Rs.5000 per month for secretarial assistance for 3 months. Member (P. Advani) said the time limit of the project should be 2 months and hence the payment to secretarial assistance may be restricted to only 2 months. The publication cost would be worked out later. The cost of publication will be taken up at that stage. The Commission Acts would also have to be included along with also other items which may arise. The proposal was sanctioned noting the reservation of CP about the location of the project in Mumbai.

Agenda Item No.35

Programme for presentation of the publication on the Laws to the Hon'ble MOS(WCD) and Minister of Law and Public Affairs.

Member (P. Advani) said that the material was ready on the computer. She was proof reading the same. The publication would be ready within a week. The manuscript would be circulated to CP and Members. It includes case studies, State workshop reports and the recommendations.

MS (In-charge) said as in Agenda Item No.33 and 34 in this agenda item also, there is no sanction of the Commission for the publication, and yet, the agenda

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contains discussion about release of the publication. This was an attempt to jump steps and administration would have a lot of difficulty if this method is followed.

Member (P.Advani) clarified that her background paper for the project for sanction of the workshop had included the publication.

P observed that the sequence should be correct. In future sequences must be followed. The proposal should be submitted when matter is ready and only when publication of the report should be considered.

It was decided that first, a note of Member (P.Advani) will show the material prepared, only after that the publication would be decided upon. The decision was therefore, deferred. On enquiry from CP, Member (P.Advani) mentioned that rape laws in other countries have been received through some of the Embassies. It was decided the same may be circulated by Member (P.Advani).

Agenda Item No.36

Workshop on gender sensitisation of police officials planned to be held in New Delhi

Member (P.Advani) said that Home Secretary had intimated that many police officers would not be able to come for the programme on the proposed date (end of June) because (a) elections (b) police had been diverted to deal with (c) overall deteriorating law and order situation in the country. Hence this will have to be deferred. A date in future will be decided in consultation with Secretary (Home) and Secretary (Police), once normalcy was restored.

Member (In-charge) brought to the notice of the Commission the letter received from JS(WW), DWCD in which it was mentioned that NCW should first obtain a review of the modules being used for gender sensitisation training by NIPCCD and various National Study Institutes such as the National Institute of Administration, National Police Academy and Police Training Centres. Once NCW has completed its review, Secretary, DWCD would take up the same with the appropriate authorities for the enforcement of the recommendations of the NCW. Member (P.Advani) said that at the Mumbai workshop, modules from Karnataka, Mumbai and UP have been scanned. She said that a meeting had been fixed with CP, NCW, Secretary, WCD, Secretary, MHA and Secretary, NIPCCD. Member (P.Advani) queried why the letter to WCD was not brought to her notice till the present day i.e.

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r (S.S.Hameed) said two issues were involved concept and (b) extent of commitment. The apt is good. CP concurred that conceptually the amme was good. However, it would have to be red due to the conditions prevailing at ent.

la Item No.37

ils of expenditure incurred under Rs.58 lakhs
released to the Commission by Central
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er (S.S.Hameed) wanted to know what expenditure sanctioned. Members sought details of the owing items:-

ewing Expenditure

- Office Expenses
- Publications
- i) Maintenance of Vehicles
-) Petrol, Oil & Lubricants
- Conference & Seminar
-) Litigation
- i) Promotional & Educational Activity

Recurring Expenditure

- Furniture & Fixtures
- Machinery & Equipment

said that the Budget Steering Committee should be rived.

this connection, Member (S.Oram) said although 8 mputers were purchased by the Commission, none was ven to her. She desired to know where each of the computers were installed.

mber (V.Daksh) desired that E-Mail facility should made available to each Member.

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... said that the vehicles had been purchased for 6.19 lakhs and taken delivery on 9th and 10th April, 99. She desired to know the cost incurred by the Commission by way of (a) interest loss at an average rate of 10% P.A. (b) hiring of taxis.

Member (V.Daksh) also pointed out that she had visited the terrace of the building and found items of furniture, water coolers and cupboards lying there which were getting spoiled. She had had a video film made of the items. She wanted to know whether the same could be auctioned or disposed of. DS stated that the file already had been put up by the Section Officer who has been asked to find out the procedure. Member (V.Daksh) also asked what happened to the old stock eg. carpets (replaced) (specific reference to the carpet in CP's room) cars etc.

Member (S.Oram) said that furniture can be provided to Members to the extent allowed. Member (V.Daksh) stated that the Commission had taken a decision earlier to allow furniture to the extent of Rs.20,000/-.

Agenda Item No.38

Any other item with the permission of the Chair

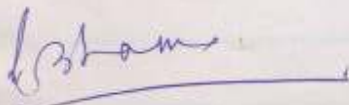
(a) State Visits

The Commission ratified the proposal to have two state visits (a) visit to Karnataka on 23-25th June, 99 (b) visit to Orissa on 5th to 8th July, 99. The tentative tour programme to Karnataka was discussed. MS (In-Charge) brought to the notice of the Members that the Chief Secretary of Karnataka is away for about 15 days and the Addl. Chief Secretary has informed here that the Assembly Session begins on the 21st, therefore co-ordination of the state visit would be very difficult. It was decided that Member (I. Basavaraj), Member (S.S. Hameed) and MS(In-charge) would meet and chalk out a programme for the state visit to Karnataka.

It was also decided that MS (In-charge) would prepare a draft programme for the Orissa visit.

Some Members wanted to bring up certain items which the CP declined to have in the meeting.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



t of those present in the Commission meeting held on
,10th and 14th June,1999

Smt.Vibha Parthasarathi	: In the Chair
Dr.Indira Basavaraj	: Member, NCW
Kum.Sukeshi Oram	: Member, NCW
Dr.S.D.Hameed	: Member, NCW
Smt.Vijay Daksh	: Member, NCW
Dr.Poornima Advani	: Member, NCW
Smt.Leena Mehendale	: Member Secretary (In- charge)
Kum.R.Bhama	: Deputy Secretary

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