

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

MINUTES OF THE 186TH MEETING OF THE COMMISSION, HELD ON 11TH DECEMBER, 2018 AT 1100 HOURS, IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE COMMISSION, NEW DELHI.

Present:

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| 1. Ms. Rekha Sharma | Chairperson |
| 2. Ms. Kamlesh Gautam | Member |
| 3. Ms. Soso Shaiza | Member |
| 4. Ms. Chandramukhi Devi | Member |
| 5. Ms. Meenakshi Gupta | Member Secretary |

Also Present:

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| 1. Shri A. Asholi Chalai | Joint Secretary |
| 2. Ms. Jyoti Singhal | Deputy Secretary |
| 3. Ms. Priti Kumar | Under Secretary |
| 4. Ms. Barnali Shome | Under Secretary |

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed Ms Kamlesh Gautam, Ms Soso Shaiza and Ms Chandramukhi Devi, the new Members along with Ms Meenakshi Gupta, Member Secretary and Shri A. Asholi Chalai, Joint Secretary, to their first meeting of the Commission. Chairperson congratulated all for joining NCW and expressed hope and desire to work for the betterment of women in the Country for next three years.

Welcoming the Chairperson and Members, the Member Secretary informed the Commission that the Agenda was presented in two volumes, for the sake of convenience. While Volume. I contained agenda items requiring approval of Commission, Volume. II contained agenda items presented for information of the Commission.

Agenda Item No. 1:

Minutes of the 184th Meeting of the Commission held on 19.04.2018

Minutes of the 184th Meeting of the Commission held on 19.04.2018 were confirmed by the Commission.

Agenda Item No. 2:

Minutes of the 185th Meeting of the Commission held on 17.10.2018

Minutes of the 185th Meeting of the Commission held on 17.10.2018 were confirmed by the Commission.

Agenda Item No. 3:

Action Taken Report of the 184th Meeting of the Commission held on 19.04.2018

The Commission was apprised of the Action Taken on the 184th Meeting of the Commission held on 19.04.2018. Member Secretary observed that there was a need for mechanism to follow up action taken on last minutes of Commission's meetings. The Commission decided that follow up shall be initiated for decisions taken in Commission's meetings held from the calendar year 2018 onwards.

Commission noted that while decision was taken to send reports mentioned in ATR to agenda item no. 6,7, 8, 9, 10 to various Ministries including Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Women and Child Development and concerned Institute, the reports were not forwarded to all authorities.

The Commission decided that all the Reports mentioned in Agenda Item No. 3 will be forwarded to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Women and Child Development and

concerned Institutes etc. Also follow up on seeking ATRs from the Institutes etc will be brought forward for perusal of Commission in its next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 4:

Purchase of Dell Model Poweredge T640 (Intel Xeon Dual Processor, 8 Core, 32 GB RAM and 3 TB Hard Disk)

The Commission noted and accorded ex-post facto approval to Purchase of Dell Model Poweredge T640 (Intel Xeon Dual Processor, 8 Core, 32 GB RAM and 3 TB Hard Disk).

The Commission decided that henceforth, 'in principle' approval of Commission may be sought before all transactions requiring its approval as per existing Delegation of Financial Powers, unless there are extra ordinary circumstances which warrant immediate approval and cannot wait till the next meeting of the Commission. In such cases approval of Chairperson may be obtained and subsequently the proposal shall be brought for ex post facto approval of the Commission.

Agenda Item No. 5:

Seminar conducted by the Commission on NRI marriage related issues on 30.07.2018 at Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, Punjab

The Commission noted and accorded ex-post facto approval of the Commission for Rs.4,27,325/- (Rupees Four Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Five only) for conducting of Seminar on NRI marriage related issues on 30th July, 2018 at Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, Punjab.

Agenda Item No. 6:

Ex-post facto approval of Legal Awareness Programmes to State Commissions for Women during 2017-18.

The Commission noted and accorded ex-post facto approval of the Commission for Rs.2,10,20,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Ten Lakh and Twenty Thousand only) for 201 LAPs sanctioned to the State Commission for Women in March, 2018 for conducting Legal Awareness Programmes for the year 2017-18 as detailed in the Agenda Item. It was noted that performance of State Women Commissions was not satisfactory as only a few had come for second instalment.

Chairperson raised the issue of inability of State Women Commissions to conduct Legal Awareness Programmes (LAPs) without full releases. The issue was discussed in detail and following decisions were taken by the Commission:

- i. To revisit the guidelines for LAPs to review the pattern and release of funding to SWCs;
- ii. To write to all states and seek progress report in respect of funds released during 2017-18;
- iii. To seek calendar of LAPs from SWCs and ensure participation of NCW as an observer in at least 25% of LAPs during the year.

Agenda Item No. 7:

Release of Rs.8.00 lakhs as IInd and final instalment to Telangana State Commission for Women for conducting Legal Awareness Programmes.

The Commission noted and accorded ex-post facto approval of the Commission for Rs.8,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs only) to the Telangana Pradesh State Commission for Women as second and final instalment during 2017-18 as per details given in the agenda item.

Agenda Item No. 8:

Release of Rs.5.00 lakhs as second and final instalment to Madhya Pradesh State Commission for Women for conducting Legal Awareness Programmes.

The Commission noted and accorded ex-post facto approval of the Commission for release of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs only) to the Madhya Pradesh State Commission for Women as 2nd and final instalment during 2017-18 as per details given in the agenda item.

Agenda Item No. 9:

Release of Rs.2.40 lakhs as second and final instalment to Meghalaya State Commission for Women for conducting Legal Awareness Programmes.

The Commission noted and accorded ex-post facto approval of the Commission for sanction of 4 LAPs to Meghalaya State Commission during 2017-18 and release of Rs.4,80,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Eighty Thousand only) to the Meghalaya State Women Commission.

Agenda Item No. 10:

Civil Writ Petition 659/2007- Further action on direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court.

The Commission was informed of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Writ petition 659/2007.

The Chairperson informed the Commission that on her visit to Vrindavan, the ground reality was found to be deficient in implementation of "Vrindavan Model". There was a need to revisit the recommendations of the Expert Committee and

to look for a more viable model in other states. There was a need for Members to visit Vrindavan to assess further progress.

The Commission decided that Women Welfare Cell shall re-examine the recommendations of the Expert Committee and come back to the Commission with concrete recommendations, including revisiting of Vrindavan Model, if required.

Agenda Item No. 11:

Engagement of Sulabh International for housekeeping in National Commission for Women

The Commission was informed by the Member Secretary that there was a need to revisit the service contract in light of the size of the building vis-a-vis number of house-keeping staff presently deployed under the contract.

Commission accorded ex post approval to the engagement of Sulabh International for housekeeping in NCW, with directions to General Administration to revisit the entire contract in the light of the discussions and come back to the Commission for further directions.

Agenda Item No. 12:

Printing of Calendar and diaries for 2018-19.

The Commission accorded ex post facto approval for tender floated for Designing of Calendars for the year 2019 amongst the Category "A" agencies empanelled with DAVP. The Commission approved for printing of 1500 calendars as per specifications detailed in para 4 of the agenda, by floating of tenders among DAVP empanelled printers. The Commission approved printing of 500 diaries for 2019.

Agenda Item No. 13 :

Comprehensive proforma for obtaining information regarding female inmates in Psychiatric Homes

Commission observed that Agenda Item No. 2 in Volume –II required approval of the Commission, thus, the same was taken up as Agenda Item No. 13 under Volume I. The Commission approved the Comprehensive proforma for obtaining information regarding female inmates in Psychiatric Homes.

Volume-II

Agenda Item No.1 :

Ratification of the observation/recommendation made in the Inspection Reports of Prisons/Psychiatric Homes, since last meeting of the Commission.

The Commission noted the observations/recommendations made in the Inspection Reports of Prisons/Psychiatric Homes, since 184th meeting of the Commission.

Agenda Item No. 2 :

Comprehensive proforma for obtaining information regarding female inmates in Psychiatric Homes

The agenda was taken up as Agenda Item no. 13 under the Vol. I.

Agenda Item No. 3

Missing in Volume. II of the agenda.

Agenda Item No. 4 :

Case No. 8/4192/2018/NCW/RS/SKP : Inquiry Committee constituted on the complaint by Gorkhaland Sayunkta Sangarsha Samiti – Sanjha Mach (GSSS) (Central Committee) regarding atrocities against women during Gorkhaland Agitation

The Commission took note of the Inquiry Committee report. The Commission directed that henceforth all Inquiry Reports be placed before the Commission, along with the Action Taken Reports from the concerned authorities.

Agenda Item No. 5:

Case No. 8/6902/2018/NCW/RS/PS: Inquiry Committee constituted on the complaint of Jayshri Biswas resident of Ghoralia Jola Park, Shantipur, District Nadia regarding threat and violence to complainant and her family by some anti social elements.

The Commission took note of the Inquiry Committee report. The Commission directed that henceforth all Inquiry Reports be placed before the Commission, along with the Action Taken Reports from the concerned authorities.

Agenda Item No. 6:

Case No. 8/11425/2018/NCS/RS/VC : Complaint received by Swati, Samvedna, NGO, C-58-Y2, Dilshad Garden, Delhi regarding alleged atrocities meted by Mr. Subhash Chander Taijal R/O C-60/Z3 Dilshad Garden to his major daughter

The Commission took note of the Inquiry Committee report. The Commission directed that henceforth all Inquiry Reports be placed before the Commission, along with the Action Taken Reports from the concerned authorities.

Agenda Item No. 7:

Case No. 8/11426/2018/NCW/RS/VC : Complaint received from Ms. Leelawati R/o D-295, Bhootal, Prashant Vihar, Rohini, Delhi, a 74 year old women alleging mental and physical harassment by her son and daughter in law.

The Commission took note of the Inquiry Committee report. The Commission directed that henceforth all Inquiry Reports be placed before the Commission, along with the Action Taken Reports from the concerned authorities.

Agenda Item No. 8:

Bengal horror! Women sets herself ablaze after black mail, rape by Construction Worker – West Bengal – Reported in media on 20th December, 2017.

The Commission took note of the Inquiry Committee report. The Commission directed that henceforth all Inquiry Reports be placed before the Commission, along with the Action Taken Reports from the concerned authorities.

Agenda Item No. 9:

Gang rape of a woman and daughter in front of doctor who is the husband and father of the victims” on 13th June, 2018 in Gaya, Bihar.

The Commission took note of the Inquiry Committee report. The Commission directed that henceforth all Inquiry Reports be placed before the Commission, along with the Action Taken Reports from the concerned authorities.

Agenda Item No. 10:

Five Kerala priests blackmail, sexually abuse' woman published in various national dailies on 27th June, 2018 in which it is reported that five priests of Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church in Kerela have been accused of blackmailing and sexually abusing a married woman over a few years.

The Commission took note of the Inquiry Committee report. The Commission directed that henceforth all Inquiry Reports be placed before the Commission, along with the Action Taken Reports from the concerned authorities.

Agenda Item No. 11:

Gang rape of five gunpoint in Jharkhand – 22.06.2018 (Fact Finding Team). The report of the Fact Finding Team was forwarded to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Home Minister and M/o WCD, Government of India.

The Commission took note of the Inquiry Committee report. The Commission directed that henceforth all Inquiry Reports be placed before the Commission, along with the Action Taken Reports from the concerned authorities.

Agenda Item No. 12 :

MP Women's hostel head held for raping 20 years old – 14.08.2018. The Fact Finding Team visited Bhopal on 22nd August, 2018 and met the concerned authorities.

The Commission took note of the Inquiry Committee report. The Commission directed that henceforth all Inquiry Reports be placed before the Commission, along with the Action Taken Reports from the concerned authorities.

Agenda Item No. 13:

Student, 19 who topped CBSE Board Exam allegedly gang raped in Haryana – 15.09.2018 (Fact Finding Team). The Report of the Fact Finding Team has been forwarded to State Government.

The Commission took note of the Inquiry Committee report. The Commission directed that henceforth all Inquiry Reports be placed before the Commission, along with the Action Taken Reports from the concerned authorities.

Agenda Item No. 14:

Expenditure Statement by Pay & Accounts Officer as on 05.12.2018.

The Commission was informed of the concerns regarding slow pace of Expenditure under Scheme related funds. The Chairperson informed that due to delay in calling for proposals for Research and Seminars, there was delay in release of funds under Research and Seminar heads.

The Member Secretary informed the Commission that more than 1800 proposals had been received under the Category of Seminars. Considering such huge number of proposals, it would be prudent to give priority to Government agencies and perhaps a few reputed NGOs.

The Member Secretary informed the Commission that agendas relating to black listing had not been placed before the Commission as mere blacklisting tantamounts to legalising release of funds, with no reporting.

The Commission was informed that there was a need to have a Standing Expert Committee to review the Research projects on half yearly basis, as well as to advise the Commission on other aspects.


Concerns were raised about low level of expenditure under North East component. Chairperson expressed that SWCs were not able to execute projects.

Member (Ms. Soso Shaiza) spoke regarding the need to bring about awareness on gender issues in North East region. She raised concerns regarding need for capacity building of SWCs in North East. She expressed desire to initiate contact with SWCs in North East for their intensive orientation. She also proposed that Commission may write to each State Government to make screening of movie "Molestation" compulsory in all State Government schools.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.



(Meenakshi Gupta)
Member Secretary



(Rekha Sharma)
Chairperson, NCW