

**Minutes of the Commission's Meeting held on 14.10.2014 at 1100 Hrs  
in the Conference Hall of the  
National Commission for Women,  
New Delhi.**

**The following attended the meeting:**

1. Smt. Lalitha Kumaramangalam	Chairperson
2. Ms. Hemlata Kheria	Member
3. Smt. Shamina Shafiq	Member
4. Ms. Laldingliani Sailo	Member
5. Dr. Nandita Chatterjee	Member Secretary

At the outset, Member Secretary welcomed the Chairperson and Members present in meeting of the Commission. Thereafter, with the permission of the Chair, the Member Secretary presented, ad seriatim, the agenda items of the meeting.

**Agenda Item No.1** Confirmation of the Minutes of the Commission's meeting held on 26.07.2014

**Confirmed**

**Agenda Item No.2: Action Taken Report.**

- i. The contents of the ATR prepared by R & S Cell were noted. Chairperson, however, desired to know as to why only the States of Bihar and Tripura are being proposed to be taken up for situational analysis in the first instance by ASCI. Member Secretary clarified that in this context a detailed agenda has been placed as **Agenda - 14** in this meeting in the Commission.
- ii. The contents of the ATR prepared by Legal Cell were noted, Chairperson desired that a letter should issue to the Ministry of Women & Child Development requesting for details on the allocation of "NIRBHAYA FUND" by the Ministry of Finance. The Chairperson also directed that a Committee of members may be formed in the Commission co-opting representatives of the judiciary, police, academics, bureaucracy, media and labour unions, who could advise the Commission on preparation of a module for sensitization of elected representatives.

**(Action : Legal Cell)**

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Agenda Item No.3: Approval of the Expert Committee on "Discrimination faced by Dalit Women and suggested Action Plan".

Approved with the directions that the preliminary report of the Committee will be presented to the Commission within four months of the date of notification of the Committee.

**(Action: Administration for issue of Notification of the Committee)**

Agenda Item No.4 Signing of MoU with NBCC Ltd. for interior work for Rs. 498.22 lakh of NCW's building at Jasola and release of fund of Rs. 1.25 crores ratification thereof.

Ratified

**(Action: Administration)**

Agenda Item No.5 Seminar on "Women and Development in (Himalayan) Mountain Region: Issues and Concerns" organized by National Commission for Women in collaboration with H.P State Commission on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2014 at Hotel Peterhoff, Shimla Himachal Pradesh.

Approved

**(Action: Administration)**

Agenda Item No.6 Consultation on "Ways and Means to Safeguard Women from Cyber Crimes in India".

Approved

**(Action: Administration)**

Agenda Item No.7 Engagement of Two Data Entry Operators in C & I Cell of the Commission.

Approved

**(Action: Administration, C & I Cell)**

Agenda Item No.8 Enhancement of wages – Ms. Neetu working on contract basis as Jr. Accountant.

Approved

**(Action: Administration)**

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Agenda Item No.9 Opening of separate saving bank accounts in Canara Bank, DDU, Marg New Delhi for plan and non-plan respectively.

Approved

(Action: Finance)

Agenda Item No.10 Approval of the revised expenditure of Rs. 14,49,127/- incurred on the function of International Women's Day celebrated on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Approved

(Action: Administration)

Agenda Item No.11 Publication of the Report titled "Marital Cruelty and Sec 498A: A Study on Legal Redressal for Victims in Two States".

Approved

(Action: Legal Cell)

Agenda Item No.12. Round Table Consultation for Developing a formula for minimum compensation of surrogate mother under Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Bill, 2013-regarding.

It was decided that reports of all seminars conducted on the subject of surrogacy will have to be received by the Commission prior to any further consultation in this regard. It was also decided that the reports have to be received in a time bound manner failing which the Commission will not be responsible for providing the balance funds to the organization.

(Action: Legal Cell and R & SC Cell)

Agenda Item No.13. Strengthening of Guidelines for purpose of Research Studies, Seminars/Workshops, Public Hearings, Legal Awareness Programme and PMLA-reg.

The proposed guidelines were approved and will be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2014. The following, however, was also decided with reference to the guidelines:

- i. Guidelines are required to be translated in Hindi and other languages as required.
- ii. While organizing seminars the services of a rapporteur proficient in Hindi / English / local languages (as applicable) are to be arranged for by the organizers.
- iii. The guidelines should ensure accountability of organizations to be supported by the Commission.



- iv. Consultations may precede the seminars so that the recommendations of consultations converge in the seminars.
- v. Seminars are to be conducted on topics of National interest concerning women.

(Action: R & S Cell)

**Agenda Item No.14.** Situational Analysis of Women and Girls in each State/ UT of India  
-reg.

**Approved,** It was also decided that ASCI will be entrusted with situation analyses of states of Odisha, Tripura, Punjab, Rajasthan, West Bengal & Tamilnadu respectively.

Regarding studies on states such as Utar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Bihar as well as states in South India and in the North East, the Commission may approach institutes such as IIT - Delhi, IIT - Chennai, XLRI - Jamshedpur, IIM - Bangalore, IIT - Khargpur and Delhi University to ascertain the willingness of these organizations to take up the studies.

(Action: R & S Cell)

**Agenda Item No.15.** Gender Sensitivity studies of government departments by TISS, Mumbai - reg.

**Approved** with the directions that TISS will be requested to take up studies of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Ministry of Finance (Central Revenue) and Ministry of Home Affairs at the outset.

(Action: R & S Cell)

**Agenda Item No.16.** "Critical Analysis of Women in Science & Technology with special focus on Minority" by Abhivyakti foundation, Asaf Ali Road Delhi.

**Approved**

(Action: R & S Cell)

**Agenda Item No.17.** Approval of the budget and the study period of the proposal of "Role of protection officer towards providing succiase to the victims of domestic violence in Bihar" by Gyanodaya Foundation, Madhubani, Bihar.

**Approved**

(Action: R & S Cell)

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Agenda item No.18 Study on "Problems and issues of elderly women in Manipur" by All Manipur Senior Citizen Welfare Association, Manipur.

**Approved**

(Action: NE Cell)

Agenda item No.19 Study on "A comparative study on the Socio-economic status of women workers with disability in Bihar & Kerala" by Ehsaas Foundation, Vasant Kunj Delhi.

**Approved.** The Chairperson, however, expressed her displeasure in the delay in submission of the report considering the fact that the study was awarded in September, 2008. The Chairperson also directed that the time schedule of this study be put up to her office.

(Action: R & S Cell)

Agenda Item No.20. Approval of the budget and the time period of the proposal "Land Rights of Women in India: An in-depth study in Haryana" by Dr. Ash Narain Roy, Institute of Social Sciences, 8 Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi.

**Not approved** on the ground that there being is a vast difference between the estimated budget of the proponent and the budget proposed by the Commission, the project will not be effective.

(Action: R & S Cell)

Agenda Item No.21 Approval of the budget and time period of the proposal "Socio-Economic Status of Muslim Women in Minority Concentrated Districts" by Shri Saraswati Education Society, Hoshangabad.

**Not approved** on the ground that there being is a vast difference between the estimated budget of the proponent and the budget proposed by the Commission, the project will not be effective.

(Action: R & S Cell)



**Agenda Item No.22** Approval of the budget and time period of the proposal on "Analytical study on the domestic violence against women: Special reference to Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh" by Shrinivas Bahu Uddeshiya Sanstha, Maharashtra.

Not approved on the ground that there being is a vast difference between the estimated budget of the proponent and the budget proposed by the Commission, the project will not be effective. (Action: R & S Cell)

**Agenda Item No.23** Approval of the budget and time period of the proposal "The Problems and Issues faced by Women Mayor, President, Paarshad, Sarpanch, Panch in Local Self Government" by Abhiyan, Bilaspur.

Approved with the rider that the budget will have be calculated according to the revised norms of the guidelines approved by the Commission in its meeting dated 14/10/2014.

(Action: R & S Cell)

**Agenda Item No.24** Approval of the budget of the proposal of study on "Laws for protection of the rights of migrant women workers in Kota, Bundi, Baran and Jhalawar district of Rajasthan State" by Uday Sansthan, Bundi, Rajasthan.

The proponent organization should be asked to resubmit the proposal after redrafting the same under the new guidelines approved by the Commission. (Action: R & S Cell)

**Agenda Item No.25** Approval of the budget and the study period of the proposal "Commercial Surrogacy and Everyday Forms of Resistance: A Case study of Surrogates" by Centre for Advanced Research on Development and Change (CARD), Pitampura, New Delhi.

Not approved on the ground that too many studies are being conducted on the same topic and that the topic of the study does not provide clarity on the subject.

(Action: R & S Cell)

**Agenda item No.26** Approval of the study Report on "Methods to control the menace of violence against women in India" by Southern India Education Trust, Chennai.

Approved

(Action: R & S Cell)



**Agenda Item No.27.** Approval of the study Report on "Assessing Vulnerability at Community Level with Low-Income's Group in Delhi" by All India Foundation for Peace and Disaster Management, New Delhi.

**Approved**

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

**Agenda Item No.28.** Approval of the budget and time of the proposal on "Combating trafficking of Women in Assam: Study of Anti trafficking Policies and Strategies" by IIT, Guwahati.

**Approved**

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

**Agenda Item No.29.** Approval of the expenditure incurred on State level convergence workshop on "Socio Economic Empowerment for Women" organized by the Meghalaya State Commission for Women in Collaboration with National Commission for Women on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2014 at Shillong, Meghalaya and acceptance of report on revised topic.

The Commission decided that as the Meghalaya State Commission for Women has changed the topic of the seminar without prior approval of NCW, the balance funds will not be released to the Meghalaya State Commission.

**(Action: NE Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.30.** Approval for broadcasting the Radio Jingles (Non NER).

It was decided that orders be issued to DAVP for broadcast of the radio jingles in the States of North and West India and Hindi speaking States of East India. Regarding the remaining States, particularly those from South India, the Chairperson and Members will decide on the suitability / revision of the jingles for broadcasting the same in these States.

**(Action: PR Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.31.** Approval of new posters and out-door publicity plan.

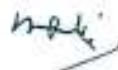
It was decided that the design agency will meet the Chairperson for finalization of the posters and the outdoor publicity plan.

**(Action: PR Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.32.** Approval for adjustment of advance of Rs. 1,50,000/- given to India World Foundation, New Delhi towards publishing an Advertisement in their Souvenir on "Justice for Women".

**Approved**

**(Action: Administration)**



**Agenda Item No.33.** Printing of Calendar & Diary of NCW – approval thereof.

**Approved** It was decided further that the agency should meet the Chairperson for further improvement of design of the cover page of the calendar. **(Action: PR Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.34.** Re-categorization of complaints to be taken cognizance of by the Commission.

**Approved**

**(Action: C & I Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.35.** Approval of the Inquiry report on Suo- motu case.

- (i) To inquire into alleged incident of abduction and gangrape of girl by five men and two police personal in village Lohari, Jhajjar, district Haryana.

**Noted**

**(Action: Suo Motu unit of C& I Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.36.** Jail Visit – Report of M(NSP) to Vadodara, Gujarat on 16.08.2014.

**Noted**

**(Action: Legal Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.37.** Jail Visit – Report of M(SS) to Central Jail, Amritsar, Punjab on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2014.

**Noted.** It was decided that no further jail visits will be conducted by any member. The recommendations of earlier visits should be followed up with state administration.

**(Action: Legal Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.38.** Organisation of Public Hearing with frontline workers i.e. Asha workers, ANMs and Aanganwadi workers.

It was decided that Member (SS) may conduct a one day Public Hearing of 25 ASHAs, Aanganwadi workers and Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANM) respectively in a district of Uttar Pradesh which is close to Delhi and report the proceedings to the Chairperson.

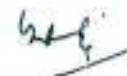
**(Action: Member(SS))**

#### Additional Agenda

**Agenda Item No.39.** Approval for printing of Brochure / Leaflet on Cyber Crime.

Member (SS) was requested to put up the proposal in file for further directions of the Chairperson.

**(Action: Member (SS))**





**Agenda Item No.40.** Consultation on ITPA 1956 scheduled on 08.11.2014.

It was decided that the Chairperson and Law Officer will attend the consultation scheduled on 08.11.2014 and the views expressed therein will be documented by Law Officer for record. (Action: Law Office)

**Agenda Item No.41.** Regional seminar on "Voice of the voiceless: Muslim women Challenges and solutions, organized by National Commission for Women on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 at Hyderabad.

Noted (Action: R & S Cell)

**Agenda Item No.42.** Study "Socio-Economic Status of Muslim Women in Minority Concentrated District" by Paramva Social Welfare Organization, Kolkata.

The Commission decided not to consider the study proposal as it was not mandated by its Memorandum of Association to do the same. (Action: R & S Cell)

**Agenda Item No.43.** Proposal of a study on " Problems of Muslim Women in India: An Analytical study of the impact of Government Programme in six Selected States in India"

It was decided that the Assistant Professor of the Kumaon University, Nanital, Uttarakhand be invited to come to the Commission to provide further clarifications on the concept and methodology of the study. (Action: R & S Cell)

**Agenda Item No.44** Regional Consultation on "The Study on the problems and issues faced by Migrant Domestic Workers at Overseas" organized on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2014 by the Migrant Domestic Workers Trust at Loyola College, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

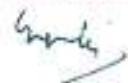
Approved (Action: NRI Cell)

**Agenda Item No.45.** Female students' Sanitation and menstrual hygiene in women –

The Commission recognized that as there is a national programme on sanitation, Member (LS) may keep the complainant informed that the matter has been referred to the appropriate authorities in this regard.

It was also decided that IIT Chennai be approached for their willingness to conduct research on disposability of environment friendly paper used in sanitary napkins.

(Action: Member (LS))



**Agenda Item No.46.** Approval for launching a Radio publicity campaign for North  
- East States

It was decided that Member (LS) will be coordinating with Prasar Bharti, Guwahati to draw up the detailed broadcast plan within one month. The decision on expenditure will be taken after the detailed Broadcast plan (including radio jingles) is put up to the Chairperson.

(Action: Member (LS))

**Agenda Item No.47.**Approval to incur expenditure of Rs.3,76,999/- to outsource two Assistant Programmers from NICSI

Approved

(Action: Administration)

**Agenda Item No. 48.** Detail on report of the surprise visit of Member (SS) to Yamunanagar District Jail, Haryana on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2014.

Member (SS) placed the above agenda in the meeting and the Commission noted the same.

(Action: Legal Cell)

**Agenda Item No. 49.** 16<sup>th</sup> December to mark Nirbhaya Day

Chairperson directed that a discussion will be held to decide on the events to be organized and the manner of organizing the same.

(Action: Office of Chairperson)


**Agenda Item No. 50.** Security of women during fairs and festivals regarding – Member (HK) placed this agenda in the meeting.

It was decided that Member (HK) will interact with concerned police authorities to draft the guidelines which will thereafter be circulated for views of all members and Chairperson of the commission.

(Action: Member HK))

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

  
(Dr. N. Chatterjee)  
Member Secretary

  
(Lalitha Kumaramangalam)  
Chairperson