

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION'S MEETING HELD
ON 19TH JUNE, 2002

Present in the meeting were :

1. Dr. Poornima Advani : Chairperson
2. Kum. Anusuiya Uike : Member
3. Smt. Baby Rani Maurya : Member
4. Smt. Reva Nayar : Member Secretary
5. Smt. Nita Kapoor : Joint Secretary
6. Shri S.K. Garg : Under Secretary

Agenda Item No. 1

Leave of absence

Member (K. Santha Reddy) and Member (Nafisa Hussain) were granted leave of absence by Chairperson. Member (Sudha Malaiya) was to attend the meeting but did not attend nor any information regarding leave of absence was received from her.

Agenda Item No. 2

Confirmation of Minutes of the preceding meeting held on 18th April, 2002.

The minutes of the previous Commission Meeting held on 18.4.2002 were approved.

Agenda Item No. 3

Minutes of the meeting of Members held on 22.05.2002 – taking on record.

The minutes of the meeting of Members held on 22.05.2002 were taken on record and approved.

Shri S.K. Garg

Agenda Item No. 4

Presentation by Chairperson, Members and Member Secretary

Presentations were made on their work by Members (A and Baby Rani Maurya) and Member Secretary. The Members by the Chairperson to submit the presentations in writing a presentation, Member (BRM) stated that the Commission should Chief Minister of Bihar regarding extension of the lease of the women of village Bhusra of Bihar.

Agenda Item No. 5

Proposals relating to Special Studies/Seminars/Works Hearings approved by the Screening Committee in its meeting 28.5.2002.

The proposals approved by the Screening Committee in held on 28.5.2002 were noted by the Commission. Also it ethical for NCW to take up and sponsor any one NGO Study a giving a larger amount.

Agenda Item No. 6

Proposals relating to Legal Awareness Programmes approved by Screening Committee in its meeting dated 27th May, 2002.

The proposals approved by the Screening Committee in held on 27.5.2002 were noted by the Commission.

Agenda Item No. 7

Final accounts of the Financial Year 2001-2002 – for approval of Commission.

Final accounts of the Financial Year 2001-2002 were approved.

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Agenda Item No. 8

Budget allocations for the Financial Year 2002-2003

Budget allocations for the Financial Year 2002-03 were approved.

Agenda Item No. 9

Draft format for Jail visits.

The Law Officer briefed the Members about the format of jail visits and during the discussions on the format it was mentioned that repeated visits to the same jails should be avoided. Format prepared was adopted and approved. It was decided that suggestions be obtained from Sri Sankar Sen, Sri Ajay Agarwal and Mrs. Kiran Bedi. Members should get the report adopted by circulation after the jail visits. Follow up action may be taken up on the reports by Law Officer. Reports may be filed Statewise. Lists of visits to jails during the last 03 years may be compiled by L.O.

Agenda Item No. 10

Draft Curriculum for Women's Empowerment Camps

The Draft Curriculum for Women's Empowerment Camps prepared by the Expert Committee has been adopted and approved. Financial assistance for such camps should remain at Rs.20,000/-. The camp will be for one day with a minimum number of 100 women participants. The State Commissions for Women will also be involved in such camps especially where Members/CP from NCW cannot participate in the programmes. State Commissions may be requested to depute their Members for the camps and send the report to the NCW. A letter will also be sent to the Distt. Collector / Distt. Administration intimating about the programme from NCW (Adm).

Agenda Item No. 11

Report of the Workshop on Working of the Family Courts in India

Report adopted. However, the language be edited without changing the substance.

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Report of the public hearing programme of Muslim ' 26.4.2002 at Pune, organized by Centre for Developm Research, Pune.

The Commission took a decision that reports of m workshops/seminars would henceforth be adopted by the C in the presence of the Members concerned who meetings/hearings/workshops/seminars in a special me separate agenda need be circulated. In view of the same the kept in abeyance.

Agenda Item No. 13

Draft Report of 3rd Regional Workshop on the subject of of Tribal Women – Problems & Prospects.

Report of the 3rd Regional Workshop on the subject o of Tribal Women – Problems & Prospects was approve However, the report is to be discussed with the experts.

Agenda Item No. 14

Agenda on Gender and Economic Empowerment

The Agenda on Gender and Economic Empowermen and adopted.

Agenda Item No. 15

Consultation Meeting on Sex Tourism

A letter to be written to Union Minister for Touris Minister of Social Welfare Department requesting them to j the Commission on the subject. A consultation meeting on t be held where the participants will be about 50. The venue : will be decided later on file.

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Agenda Item No. 16

Report of the one-day public hearing on child marriage held at Pune on 10.3.2002 organized by HOPE, Pune – approval/adoption by the Commission.

To be kept in abeyance.

Agenda Item No. 17

Reference received from Deptt. of WCD along with O.M. of Ministry of I&B regarding complaint filed in NHRC against Star Plus Channel for their serial “Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi”.

The Commission supports the views of the National Human Rights Commission. The Commission should write to the Censor Board and the Union Minister of I&B supporting the views of the NHRC.

Agenda Item No. 18

Prison Manual being framed by Bureau of Police Research & Development – Suggestion on age of the child who should be allowed to remain in prison with the mother (prisoner)

The Commission will await the outcome of the Court case on the subject

Agenda Item No. 19

Report of public hearing on the problems of the Faction affected women in Rayalaseema held at Cuddapah on 19.12.2001 – approval/adoption by the Commission.

To be kept in abeyance.

Agenda Item No. 20

Report of the Regional Workshop on Challenges, Opportunities and Constraints faced by Women in Agriculture & Allied Enterprises held at Dharwad on 19.2.2002 – approval/adoption by the Commission.

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To be kept in abeyance.

Agenda Item No. 21

Report of the Regional Workshop on Challenges, Opportunities Constraints faced by Women in Agriculture & Allied Enterprises at Ludhiana on 4.3.2002 – approval/adoption by the Commission.

To be kept in abeyance.

Agenda Item No. 22

Report of the Regional Workshop on Challenges, Opportunities Constraints faced by Women in Agriculture & Allied Enterprises at Palampur (HP) on 27th & 28th February, 2002 – approval/adc by the Commission.

To be kept in abeyance.

Agenda Item No. 23

Setting up of Control Room

A meeting will be held to discuss the subject of control room in Ms. Mohini Giri, ex-Chairperson, NCW and Ms. Padma Seth, ex-M NCW will be invited to this meeting.

Agenda Item No. 24

Expert Committee on Gender and Health for discussion and adop the meeting.

The proposal was adopted and approved.

Agenda Item No. 25

Report of the public hearing on child marriages held on 18.2.2 Sangareddy – approval/adoption by the Commission.

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To be kept in abeyance.

Agenda Item No. 26

Report of the public hearing on prevention of child marriage in Uttaranchal on 1.4.2002 at Haldwani – approval/adoption by the Commission.

To be kept in abeyance.

Agenda Item No. 27

Setting up of an Expert Committee on Gender and Police

The proposal is adopted and approved.

Agenda Item No. 28

Institutionalising the Gender Sensitization Course Curriculum for Administrative Personnel.

Three workshops to be organized with Ministry of Home Affairs, Deptt. of Training & Personnel and Ministry of Law, Justice & Company Affairs on the subject mentioned above with the objective of institutionalizing the three course curriculums with police, administration and judiciary respectively. The Commission may give financial support for the said workshop. The speakers for the workshop will include those who have prepared the reports for the Commission on the subject of gender sensitization course curriculum for administrative personnel, police personnel and the judiciary.

Agenda Item No. 29

Development of Women under the Union and the State

The proposal on the above subject is adopted and approved.

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Construction of NCW at Jasola Institutional Area

The Commission took note of the development regarding construction of NCW building at Jasola Institutional area.

Agenda Item No. 31

Format for collecting information from States for preparing profiles

The format for calling information from States for preparing profiles is adopted and approved. However, comments on the format called from Smt. Sarla Gopalan and Smt. T.K. Sarojini.

Agenda Item No. 32

Report of the Regional Workshop on Challenges, Opportunities and Constraints faced by Women in Agriculture & Allied Enterprises on 11-12 March, 2002, organized by Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai – approval/adoption by the Commission.

To be kept in abeyance.

Agenda Item No. 33

Any other item with the permission of the Chair

Agenda Item No.33(1)

Hearing of the complaints by the Members/Chairperson

The existing arrangements for dealing with the complaints continue for the time being. However, based on the draft procedure suggested by the Committee for reviewing the handling of complaints, administrative details would be worked out and examined. This would involve Chairperson/Members in the process of handling complaints.

Chakraborty

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Agenda Item No.33(2)

Public hearing on Bangle Workers

The Commission has approved the proposal of Member (Baby Rani Maurya) for holding two public hearings for bangle workers – one each at Firozabad and Tundla in U.P. The budget will be as per the existing norms of the Commission, i.e. Rs.20,000/- per hearing.

Agenda Item No.33(3)

Tribal Customary practices derogatory to tribal women

Member (Aunsuiya Uike) brought to the notice of the Commission that there are certain customary practices which are derogatory to tribal women. The Commission approved three public hearings on the subject. Places and NGOs to be identified by the Member (AU) for approval of the Chairperson.

Agenda Item No.33(4)

Approval of the expenditure on seminars/workshops organized by NCW

The Commission's functions involving expenditure upto Rs.ten lakhs will be put up to Screening Committee and will be placed before the Commission afterwards for information. The proposals on the expenditure exceeding Rs.ten lakhs will continue to be placed before the Commission for approval.

Agenda Item No.33(5)

Revision of financial assistance to the NGOs for holding programmes on behalf of the NCW.

The Commission approved the revision of financial assistance to be provided to NGOs for holding various programmes as under :-

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Revised</u>
(i) State level programme	Rs.25,000/-	Rs.50,000/-
(ii) National level programme	Rs.50,000/-	Rs.1,00,000/-
(iii) International level prog.	Rs.1,00,000/-	Rs.2,00,000/-

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Agenda Item No.33(6)

Parivarik Mahila Lok Adalats

The proposal for holding PMLAs through State Commissions for Women was not agreed to by the Commission. Therefore, the existing arrangements to hold PMLAs through NGOs will continue.

Agenda Item No.33(7)

Constitution of Expert Committees

It was decided that for constitution of expert committees, Chairperson will ask for the names from Members including Member Secretary Members and MS will suggest the names to the Chairperson. Chairperson will constitute the committee. There will be one member-in-charge of the Expert Committee and one officer-in-charge to see administrative part. In addition, there will be one subject expert for preparation of the background paper etc. The Committee so constituted will be approved in circulation.

Agenda Item No.33(8)

Statewise meetings of sexual harassment at work place

It was decided that meetings on sexual harassment at work place should be held in all States involving PSUs in the State.

Agenda Item No.33(9)

Study on the procedure of NCW, vis-a-vis other National Commission

A study to be conducted on the procedure of NCW, vis-à-vis other National Commissions like NHRC, SC/ST Commission, Minor Commission, with reference to the powers of the Chairperson, Members and Member Secretary. The findings of the study will then be placed before Commission.

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