

Present in the meeting are:

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| 1. | Smt. Poornima Advani | Chairperson |
| 2. | Smt. K.S Reddy | Member |
| 3. | Ms. A. Uike | Member |
| 4. | Smt. N. Hussain | Member |
| 5. | Smt. B.R.Maurya | Member |
| 6. | Smt. Reva Nayyar | Member Secretary |
| 7. | Smt. Nita Kapoor | Joint Secretary |
| 8. | Shri S.K Garg | Under Secretary |
| 9. | Shri Imran Ali | Law Officer |

CP welcomed the members to the meeting of the Commission. At the outset, CP stated that the meeting was delayed by one hour as the Quorum was not complete at the scheduled time. The agenda items circulated for the meeting of the Commission scheduled for 4th September, 2002 on 27th August, 2002 and additional agenda circulated on 12th September, 2002, were partly discussed on 4.9.2002 and 13.9.2002. The items upto 15 were covered in the meeting held on 4.9.2002 & 13.9.2002. The agenda from Item No.16 to 21 and additional agenda items were discussed in the present meeting.

Agenda Item No.1

Leave of absence

Leave of absence was granted to Member (S. Malaiya).

Agenda Item No.16

Bal Vivah Virodh Abhiyan organised by Non-Government Organisations in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh

Members briefly discussed the Bal Vivah Virodh Abhiyan (BVVA) in respect of states they visited and impact of the BVVA in the concerned states.

Member (N. Hussain) who visited Rajasthan stated that the Abhiyan was launched in 7 districts with the help of 7 NGOs. The abhiyan had a very positive impact in the states as 72 marriages of the children were stopped. The NGOs had

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and the State Governments.

Member (K.S.Reddy) stated that the impact of the BVVA in the state Andhra Pradesh was very positive. She informed that 7 organisations were involved in the Abhiyan and it had a very positive effect. However, she pointed out that in South, no importance is attached to AAKHATEEJ in the matter of child marriage. CP pointed out that this may be kept in view when further programmes are finalised.

Member (A.Uike) stated that out of the 4 organisations, reports from 3 organisations are awaited. These will be called for. She informed that response to Abhiyan was very encouraging. In Panna district more than 1000 ladies participated and the State Government was very supportive.

CP observed that statistical data should be included in the report.

(Action Member (A.Uike))

Member (B.R.M) informed that the programme was conducted from 1.5.2001 to 15.5.2002 in Lucknow(U.P). The programme was appreciated. Representatives of UNICEF, State Governments appreciated the programme. It was launched mainly at 5 places, including Azamgarh etc.

M.S pointed out that the BVVA campaign should not be launched year after year as it is the work of the functionaries of the State Governments. The law on the subject and our proposals for amendment are on record. The NCW should look into the reasons for child marriages such as girl child literacy, schemes of the state and central government for education, prosecution in states, mid-day meal for children, 93rd Constitutional amendment bill – education from 0 to 6 age group children, hostels for tribal and scheduled caste girl children, reservation in jobs and schools, role of gram panchayats/women surpanches/corporators. She was of the opinion that the Commission should launch special Abhiyan on the issues of female foeticide, child rape, dowry and sale of children/trafficking.

CP observed that recommendations of BVVA, recommendations of the public hearings on the subject and recommendations of the Expert Committee on the Marriage Restraint Act may be assimilated and final recommendations out of the above recommendations, may be sent to the Government while sending recommendations to the Government. It may be ensured that there should be no contradiction of the recommendations already sent to the Govt. on the subject.

Member(K.S.Reddy) was of the opinion that there should be no duplication of the work. Member(A.Uike), Member(B.R.Maurya) and Member(N. Hussain) were of the opinion that once we have initiated the programme, we should not leave the abhiyan and next year also we should launch similar abhiyan.

CP observed that they should give their suggestions how we can launch the abhiyan next year in a more effective manner. **(Action -- Sh. TNS)**

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Minutes of meeting of Economic Empowerment of Women

Minutes and recommendations of the Consultative meeting on the Economic Empowerment of Women held on 17th June, 2002 was approved and adopted by the Commission.

Views of Members/M.S are as under:

- (1) M(K.S Reddy) pointed out that in the recommendations some of the on going programmes have been included. M(K.S Reddy) suggested that the Commission may collect the information from Ministry of Rural Development and Rashtriya Mahila Kosh.
- (2) MS pointed out that on recommendation No.3 relating to Planning Commission, the recommendations should be linked with the report prepared by Dr. Menon/Smt. Seshadari. CP mentioned that recommendations of the report prepared by Dr. Menon/Smt. Seshadari be circulated and put up in file.
- (3) On recommendation to Min. of Labour, MS pointed that report of the 2nd Labour Commission should be examined in the gender prospective and recommendations to be sent afterwards.

In the recommendations relating to Min. of Finance, in the first recommendation instead of social policies, it should be *socio financial policies*. As regards, recommendation No.2 relating to Min. of Finance, it was observed that Commission is further examining the impact of globalisation on the economic policies specially those involving women.

CP stated that we should, from the Commission, make recommendation to Min. of Finance regarding gender budgeting.

(Action : Coordinator)

Agenda Item No.18

Regional Workshop on Women Empowerment jointly organised by women Studies Research Centre, Guwahati University and Centre for Development Studies & Action and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung on 30th April, - 1st May, 2002 at Guwahati

The recommendations made at 15, 16, 21 and 23 are relevant for the Commission. However, any action can be taken only on receipt of proposals from the North-Eastern region. The representatives of the North-Eastern region who attended the workshop were advised to send the proposals pertaining to awareness generation empowerment campaign etc. to the Commission for consideration.

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Agenda Item No. 19

Preparing Women for Tomorrow

Member Secretary suggested that WOT module may be sent to the Guwahat University. Member (NH) suggested that WOT module should be sent to al Universities. Chairperson suggested that all available material/reports on the projec may be collected and submitted to her. After this is done, continuance of the Projec WOT will be discussed and decided in the Commission Meeting.

(Action: Coordinator)

Agenda No. 20

Recommendation for improving conditions of Women in custody in Jails

On the Inspection Format of Jail Visit, the suggestions of Shri Ajay Agarw Shri Shankar Sen and Dr. Kiran Bedi were considered in the Meeting of t Commission and the following decisions on the format were taken:-

- (i) It was decided that in the Col. No.10, the position regarding unifo for the convict should be included.
- (ii) Suggestion No. 6 of Shri Shankar Sen regarding Col. No. 4 be adder the format.
- (iii) In the Col. 15 of the format, Member (SR) suggested that liter programme should be added.
- (iv) In Col. 34 & 35, facility for clean water should be added and t columns be retained in the format.
- (v) In the Column No. 27 (b), pay roll including bail should be t instead of pay roll.
- (vi) In Col. 43, Parivarik Lok Adalat be added
- (vii) In the col. No. 18 suggestion of Ms. Kiran Bedi regarding Meditation and other spiritual programme be added.

Format be revised based on the above decisions

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Agenda Item No. 21

Empowerment of Tribal Women- Problems and Prospects - Propos holding Sixth Regional Workshops at Mangalore

The proposal has been approved and programme should be conducted w there are large number of tribals.

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Workshop on 'Women in Governance' to be held on 31st January, 2002- Minutes of the Meeting of the Core Committee held on 7.8.2002 and 9th September, 2002

Minutes of the Meeting of Core Committee for the Workshop on "Women in Governance" held on 7.8.2002 and 9th September, 2002 were approved and adopted alongwith the budget proposed.

Member (SR) pointed out that proposed expenditure is on the higher side. It was suggested that Consultative Meeting should be of full day, and half of the day should be kept for interaction. It was also decided that past work of the Commission may be seen before preparation of the background paper. Chairperson suggested that judiciary papers should be written by retired women officer from Judiciary. Member Secretary suggested that in order to minimise the expenditure, persons to whom TA/DA is to be paid should be invited less in number. It was decided that mini Workshop (Consultative Meeting) on local self-government should be in the State. At the time of the Meeting, a separate Meeting of the Sarpanch be convened for their role in Sati/ Bal Vivah. It was decided to hold 5 consultative meeting (Mini Workshop) followed by a National Workshop as suggested by the Core Committee.

Agenda Item No. 22(2)

Confirmation of Minutes of the preceding meetings held on 21st and 26th August, 2002 and 4th September, 2002.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Commission held on 21st and 26th August, 2002 were adopted in the Meeting of the Commission held on 13th September, 2002.

Agenda Item No. 22(3)

Report of the public hearing programme of Muslim Ladies held on 26th April, 2002 at Pune, organized by Centre for Development Planning & Research, Pune- Report for approval/ adoption by the Commission.

Report was approved and adopted.

Agenda Item No. 22(4)

Investigation Report of the Saharanpur tour undertaken by Smt.Nafisa Hussain and Smt. Baby Rani Maurya, Members

Investigation Report was approved and adopted. Member (BRM) pointed out that land belonging to the widow should remain in the name of widow or her children. Follow up action on the Report on investigation may be taken with Govt. of UP. A letter should go to CM, UP on the issue of widows land.

(Action: LO)

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Agenda Item No. 22(5)

Project proposal for Women Empowerment in Himachal Pradesh submitted by State Women Commission, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla- Comments of the Commission called for by the Department of Women & Child Development, GOI.

It was decided that one Coordinator will examine the proposal and submit recommendations.

(Action: R.K. Guptan, Coordinator)

Agenda Item No. 22(6)

Construction of NCW Building at Jasola Institutional Area.

Noted by the Commission – Plans to be submitted to DDA.

(Action : SO(RC)

Any other item with the permission of the Chair

Agenda Item No. 22(7)

Constitution of North East Cell in the Commission

1. Member (AU) suggested that there should be one NorthEast Cell in the Commission as the problems of women in north-east are different to that of the other parts of the country. Member Secretary suggested that there should be a Region Meet of all 7 North-eastern States in order to understand the peculiar problems of the women in that region. It was decided that a Meeting of the MPs of North East Region NGOs working in North East and experts be called for and we should proceed according to the suggestions received in the Meeting.

(Action: TN)

Agenda Item No. 22(8)

Holding of the Parivar Mahila Lok Adalat (PMLA)

Member (AU) pointed out that notices for holding of the PMLA Chhindwara (MP) were issued for 15th September, 2002. The concerned person came for the PMLA on 14.09.2002. District Judge informed that PMLA scheduled for 15.9.2002 has been cancelled as some disturbances during the programme were anticipated and situation can be out of control. No reasons for untoward situations were given. Member (SR) suggested that we should first write to the Registrar for holding of the PMLA and Registrar in turn will write to the Magistrate concerned.

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we should not not PMEA without involving Registrar. It was decided that a letter should go to the Chief Justice of the MP High Court and also to Chief Justice of India.
(Action: LO)

Agenda Item No. 22(9)

Self Help Group Report

All pending report on Self Help Groups will be provided by Member (SR) and put up.

(Action: TNS)

Agenda Item No. 22(10)

Rescued girls

Member (SR) pointed out that we should send girls of Andhra Pradesh to their State. She informed that there are 28 girls who are above 18 years of age from Andhra Pradesh whose parents have come to collect them. LO suggested that in this matter, Commission can move to the High Court. Chairperson was of the opinion that if NCW is to go for litigation then common petition concerning all rescued girls should be filed. If we take action for the girls of a particular State to have model for others, it will be a time consuming process. It was decided that a letter should be sent to Department of Women & Child Development of all States for furtherance of the matter.

(Action: LO)

Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair

Note: The minutes of the meetings held on 21st August, 26th August, 4 September and 13th September, 2002 are annexed and will form part of the Minutes of the Commission's meeting held on 19th September, 2002.

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held on 20th August, 2002 for discussing the Pa
Committee Report on functioning of N
and State Commissions for Wome

Chairperson welcomed the Members for the Special Parliamentary Committee Report.

Chairperson observed that the Parliamentary Comm. report after discussion with Chairperson/Members of the Co received by the Commission in April, 2001. The para-wise r put up to the then Chairperson Smt. Vibha Parthasarathi i finalisation and approval. Member Secretary pointed out th sent to the Parliamentary Committee were not placed befor These were discussed with the then Chairperson and were a basis of discussions held both in the Commission during br and later on in the meeting of the Parliamentary Committee it

Chairperson observed that a meeting of the Parlia scheduled for 3rd September, 2002. She further observed th sent to the Parliamentary Committee may be discussed i Commission after Members have studied the replies. The l had indicated that they have not studied the replies so far.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN HELD ON 26TH AUGUST, 2002 TO DISCUSS THE COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON THE 2ND REPORT OF THE ACTION TAKEN SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN ON THE FUNCTIONING OF NATIONAL AND STATE COMMISSIONS FOR WOMEN

Present In the meeting were:

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| 1. | Smt. Poornima Advani | : | Chairperson |
| 2. | Smt. K. Santha Reddy | : | Member |
| 3. | Smt. Nafisa Hussain | : | Member |
| 4. | Kum. Anusuiya Uike | : | Member |
| 5. | Smt. Baby Rani Maurya | : | Member |
| 6. | Smt. Sudha Malaiya | : | Member |
| 7. | Smt. Reva Nayyar | : | Member Secretary |
| 8. | Smt. Nita Kapoor | : | Joint Secretary |
| 9. | Shri S.K. Garg | : | Under Secretary |
| 10. | Shri S.M. Imran Ali | : | Law Officer |

Para 1.5

Steps taken by the National Commission for Women for setting up of the State Commissions for Women are required to be added in the comments of the NCW (Action L.O.).

Para 1.19 to 1.23

In the years mentioned in the comments of NCW and the dates on which Annual Reports has been submitted to the Department of Women &

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that Annual Report for the year 2000-2001 has also been submitted to Department of Women & Child Development and the Annual Report the year 2001-2002 will be ready shortly and sent to the Department Women & Child Development immediately after its publication.

As regards laying of the reports of the Commission in Parliament, CP clarified that there is already provision in the NCW under Section 10(1)(b) in addition to the Section 13 which deals with Annual Reports. MS pointed out that there is no precedent where report of the Commission other than the Annual Reports has been laid in Parliament. It was decided that it is a matter of interpretation but amendment needs to be suggested at this stage. Certain Sections of NCW Act should be looked into again. Present Commission will look into the matter. (Position regarding Annual Reports to be updated – Action Administration Section with regard to position of submission of Annual Reports to DWCD).

Para 1.25

No change is required.

Para 1.28 to 1.31

Member (K.S.Reddy) pointed out that if the complaint is against State, we should not send it to the State Commission for Women. State Commission should deal with the complaint. Member (A.Uike) suggested that State Commission should see how the referred cases have been followed up by the State Commissions. Member (N.Hussain) observed that sufficient staff is not there in the State Commissions. It was decided that in the revised procedure for handling of the complaints, it is for the Members to decide whether complaint is to be dealt in the NCW or refer to the State Commissions.

Para 1.47(i)

As regards comments of the Commission, CP observed that Commission has not agreed to the comments. However, this aspect will be looked into again. L.O. will check up the position whether agree or not to keep Section 3(2)(c) of the Act without any amendment.

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CP pointed out that in all the five National Commissions there is no post of Member Secretary. There is post of Secretary only. The Commission will be taking up the matter separately when the Commission re-look into the provisions of the Act.

Para 1.47(iii)

CP pointed out that Commission already have the powers for appointing experts. However, powers for appointment of the full time experts to investigate should be with the Commission.

Para 1.47(iv)

As per Section 16 of the NCW Act, the Commission should be consulted on all issues concerning women. MS pointed out that there are occasions where the Commission has not been consulted. Specific examples of the PNDT Act and Domestic Violence Draft Bills were quoted. CP pointed out that letter has already gone to all departments. L.O. was asked to update the position. (Action L.O.)

Para 1.47(v)

It was observed that the Commission is always accessible. Doors of the Commission are open to all concerned.

Para 1.47(vi)

NCW is looking into the issue of enhanced cooperation between NCW and State Commissions for Women.

Para 1.48

CP pointed out that NCW is already an autonomous body. MS stated that we are submitting monthly statement to the Department of Women & Child Development that shows that we are not autonomous. CP observed that submission of the monthly statement does not compromise or autonomy. However, issue of submission of the monthly report as to whether it should be sent to Department of Women & Child Development or not will be discussed separately in the meeting of the Commission.

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with the concerned departments/Ministries.

Para 1.48(i)

NCW is already an autonomous body.

Para 1.48(ii)

Commission agrees with the observation of the Parliament Committee.

Para 1.48(iii)

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Para 1.48(iv)

Commission agrees.

Para 1.48(v)

Position to be checked in with other Commissions and to be checked before the Commission.

Para 1.48(vi),(vii),(viii) & (ix)

Commission agrees.

Para 1.59(i)

Commission is re-looking into it.

Para 1.59(ii)

Applicability of the Conduct Rules should be looked into keeping in view of the position in the case of other Commissions.

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Commission agrees. MS pointed out that NCW is treated as subordinate office so far as release of the grants are concerned.

Para 1.59(iv)

CP observed that the issue has been referred to Department of Women & Child Development for issue of the orders. The Commission is looking into the matter and position to be checked with reference to other Commissions.

Para 1.59(v)

Commission agrees with the earlier views.

Para 1.59(vi)

Member (N.Hussain) observed that there should not be delay in the appointment of the Chairperson/Members.

Para 1.59(vii)

Commission is re-looking into the whole act.

Para 1.59(viii)

Commission agrees with the earlier views with regard to insertion of new sub sections 5,6,7,8& 9. On the issue of insertion of Section 10(A), 10(B) and 10(C), a note will be prepared by L.O. whether Commission for Women's Rights or Commissionerate should be there. Old files in this regard may be referred. (Action L.O.)

Para 1.62

Commission is trying to have enhanced cooperation between the NCW and the State Commissions for Women.

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Para 1.02
MS pointed out that 'a Decade of endeavour' Vol.II and A Report for the year 2000-2001 has already been published and s DWCD. As regards Mangalam Project, 40 responses were receive now the proposal to introduce this project in Nemuch is consideration.

Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

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**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION'S MEETING HELD ON 4TH
SEPTEMBER, 2002**

Present in the meeting were:

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| 1. | Smt. Poornima Advani | : | Chairperson |
| 2. | Smt. K. Santha Reddy | : | Member |
| 3. | Kum. Anusuiya Uike | : | Member |
| 4. | Smt. Nafisa Hussain | : | Member |
| 5. | Smt. Baby Rani Maurya | : | Member |
| 6. | Smt. Sudha Malaiya | : | Member |
| 7. | Smt. Reva Nayyar | : | Member Secretary |
| 8. | Smt. Nita Kapoor | : | Joint Secretary |
| 9. | Shri S.K. Garg | : | Under Secretary |

CP welcomed the Members to the meeting of the Commission. At the outset, CP clarified that since the meeting is being held after a considerable gap, the next meeting of the Commission will be held on September, 2002 itself. In the meeting held on 19th June, 2002 it was decided that reports to be adopted in the Commission's meeting should be discussed in the presence of the Member concerned.

Agenda Item No.1

Leave of Absence

The Commission was in full strength.

Chairman

Confirmation of the minutes of the preceding meeting held on June, 2002.

Minutes of the Commission's meeting held on 19th June, 2002 were circulated to the Members were approved and adopted Commission.

Agenda Item No.3

Presentation by Chairperson, Members and Member Secretary.

Chairperson, Members and Member secretary made presentat

Agenda Item No.4

Proposals relating to Special Studies/Seminars/Workshops Hearings approved by the Screening Committee in its meeting 18.7.2002.

Project proposals approved by the Screening Committee meeting held on 18th July, 2002 were noted by the Commission observed that in the proposals approved by the Screening Com when placed before the Commission, amount sanctioned for each should be indicated against the project proposal. It was decided th time of finalisation of the procedure the issue will be decided.

Agenda Item No.5

Proposals relating to Legal Awareness Programmes approved Screening committee in its meeting dated 19.7.2002.

Commission noted the proposals approved by the Sc Committee (Legal Awareness Programmes) in its meeting held July, 2002. Member (K.S. Reddy) pointed out that one officer nominated as member of the Screening Committee (LAP) in place R. Bhama, Director, who was since been transferred to DWC observed that it will be decided whether some officer or Member should be nominated in the Screening Committee.

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Agenda Item No.6

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

The report approved and adopted. CP observed that in the public hearing, the hearing should be of the affected persons, which will improve the quality of the report.

Agenda Item No.7

Report of public hearing on the problems of the Faction affected women in Rayalaseema held at Cuddapah on 10.12.2001 – for approval/adoption by the Commission.

The report was approved and adopted by the Commission. The report prepared by Vijay Foundation Trust, Cuddapah, Andhra Pradesh was commented by the Commission.

Due to paucity of time, it was not possible to take up the rest of the agenda items for discussion. However, agenda item No.14 was taken up at the request of Member (N. Hussain).

Agenda Item No.14

Report of Public Hearing of Oppressed Muslim Women held on 26.5.2002 at Saharanpur – for approval/adoption.

The report was approved and adopted by the Commission with the condition that list of the participants will be obtained from the organisers and attached with the report. (Action to be taken - Member (N. Hussain).

Item Nos. 8 to 13 and 15 to 21 were deferred for the next meeting of the Commission.

Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION'S MEETING
HELD ON 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2002

Present in the meeting were:

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| 1. | Smt. Poornima Advani | : | Chairperson |
| 2. | Smt. K. Santha Reddy | : | Member |
| 3. | Smt. Nafisa Hussain | : | Member |
| 4. | Kum. Anusuiya Uike | : | Member |
| 5. | Smt. Reva Nayyar | : | Member Secretary |
| 6. | Smt. Nita Kapoor | : | Joint Secretary |
| 7. | Shri S.K Garg | : | Under Secretary |

CP welcomed the Members to the meeting of the Commission. The meeting will be for short duration, the items which will not be discussed today's discussion will be taken up in the meeting of the Commission on 19th September, 2002.

Agenda Item No.1

Leave of Absence

Leave of absence was granted to M(B.R.Maurya) and M(S. I)

Agenda Item No.2

Confirmation of the minutes of the preceding meeting held on 21st August and 26th August, 2002

Minutes of the Commission's meeting held on 21st August and 26th August, 2002 were approved and adopted by the Commission.

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Agenda Item No.8**Report of the Regional Workshop on Challenges, Opportunities and Constraints faced by Women in Agriculture & Allied enterprises held at Dharwad on 19.2.2002**

The report was approved and adopted. However, the point of property rights of the women, which came up for discussion should be looked into and it needs to be concretized where women lack property rights. We should also find out involvement of the schedule caste women in agriculture. The report should be sent to the Ministry of Agriculture (Action Co-ordinator – Sarika Dhawan/JS).

Agenda Item No.9**Report of the Regional Workshop on Challenges, Opportunities and Constraints faced by Women in Agriculture & Allied Enterprises held at Ludhiana On 4.3.2002**

The report approved and adopted. However, recommendations relating to women be culled out before sending to the concerned Deptt. (Action Co-ordinator – Sarika Dhawan/J.S)

Agenda Item No.10**Report of the Regional Workshop on Challenges, Opportunities and Constraints faced by Women in Agriculture & Allied Enterprises held at Ludhiana on 4.3.2002.**

The report was approved by the Commission. The balance payment can be released to the concerned organisation. However, before recommendations are adopted by the Commission, the final recommendations based on the key recommendations and recommendation made on individual category should be done before sending the final recommendations to the concerned Deptts. (Action Co-ordinator – Sarika Dhawan/J.S)

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Agenda Item No.11

Report of the public hearing on Child marriages held on 18.2.2002 Sangareddy

The report approved and adopted by the Commission. recommendations are not to be sent to the Government at the stage. recommendations of the public hearing on Child Marriages should be clubbed with the recommendations of Bal Vivah Virodh Abhiyan recommendations on Child Marriage Restraint Act. The recommendations emerging out of the analysis of the above, will be sent to the Govt. afterwards.

Recommendation No.1 made in the report will be analysed first before referring to the State Government. (Action – Sh. TNS)

Recommendation No.2, immediate steps to be taken by the p and should be probed further. The position should also be confirmed in the studies where marriage registration is compulsory. (Action to be taken – Sh. TNS)

Recommendation No.9 of the report will be analysed by the [] Unit. (Action - L.O)

Agenda Item No.12

Report of the public hearing on prevention of child marriage in Uttaranchal held on 1.4.2002 at Haldwani

The report was noted by the Commission. However, it was observed that statement recorded in respect of persons affected should have been included in the report. This should be obtained from the organisation. Payment should be released after receipt of the necessary information. This needs not to be brought before the Commission again and payment can be released once after the needful is done.

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Member (K.S Reddy) has mentioned that a letter has been addressed to all the Chief Secretaries on Prevention of Child Marriage. The Commission should follow it up with a letter after calling for a copy from Member (K.S. Reddy). **(Action to be taken – Sh. TNS)**

Agenda Item No.13

Report of the Regional Workshop on Challenges, Opportunities and Constraints faced by Women in Agriculture & Allied Enterprises held on 11-12 March, 2002 organised by Central Institute of Fisheries, Mumbai.

The report was approved and adopted.

Recommendation No.4 of the report regarding economic contribution of women and fisherwomen's economic and financial needs, needs to be specifically examined and recommendation in this regard should be concretized. **(Action Co-ordinator Sarika Dhawan/J.S)**

On recommendation No.2, it should be confirmed whether there is policy of the Government for leasing out water bodies to fisherwomen and policy on this issue made by the Government of Bangladesh should be obtained. **(Action– Sh. TNS)**

Agenda Item No.14

Report of public hearing of Oppressed Muslim Women held on 26.5.2002 at Saharanpur

The report was approved and adopted in the Commission meeting held on 4th September, 2002. **(Action Co-ordinator Niyamat Hussain/J.S)**

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Agenda Item No.15**Report of 4th Regional Workshop on Empowerment of Tribal Women Problems and Prospects held at Guwahati on 20-21 April, 2002**

The report was approved and adopted.

The provision in the 10 Five Year Plan regarding Handloom and Handicraft sector needs to be checked. Draft Plan should be ready by now. Information may be obtained. As regards, **recommendation No.5**, NC can not act on this recommendation. (**Action Suresh Attray/J.S**).

On recommendation No.6, it was observed that there is no clarity in the recommendation. M.S pointed out that unspent money should be given to State Commissions for women in the North-East. **Member (A. Uik)** pointed out that there should be separate North-East Cell in the Commission.

CP suggested that state visits should be organised for North-East. Before organising the visits, we may invite prominent persons such as S Padmanabiah, former Home Secretary and Ms. Manisha Behal of NC working in North-East to familiarize with the demography and problems concerning women of North-East. (**Action to be taken – Sh. TNS**)

Any other items with the permission of the Chair**1. The Andhra Pradesh Compulsory Registration of Marriages Bill 2001**

The views of the Commission may be sent to the Department of Women & Child Development. CP observed that instead of using the word bigamy, we should use the word '*Marriage second time while spouse is alive*'. The Legal Unit may check the position in Section 494 of IPC. (**Action – L.O**).

2. Increasing trend of Violence against Women in metro cities

It was decided that a Consultative meeting will be organised in all metro cities with State Commissions for Women, senior po

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officials and NGOs working in the area on the increasing crime against women in metro cities. The first meeting will be held in Delhi scheduled for 25th September, 2002 at India International Centre, New Delhi.

Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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**Record of Proceedings of the Meeting held with Memb
22.5.2002 in the Chamber of Chairperson.**

Chairperson held a meeting with Members (K.S. Reddy, A. U. Hussain, B.R. Maurya) on 22nd May, 2002 . Present in the meeting w Joint Secretary and Deputy Secretary. The following issues were discuss decisions taken :-

I. Setting up of the Committee to examine the working of the C Cell.

Members were informed that the Chairperson proposes to set up Committee to streamline the working of the Complaint Cell adapting pro followed in the other National Commissions, i.e. National Human Commission, National Commission for Minorities and SC/ST Commi the needs of NCW. The Committee would comprise Joint Secretary Smt. Saraswati Haider (PRAJA), Shri Subrat Birla (NCW's Atto Retainer), Shri Anees Ahmed (Advocate) and Shri S.M. Imran Ali (Law NCW).

II. Follow up on the Gujarat Report.

Chairperson informed the Commission that follow up letter had l to Secretary, WCD, Govt. of Gujarat and Secretary, Home, Govt. o asking them for an Action Taken Report on the Commission's Repor complaints sent subsequently regarding filing of FIRs . The State C been given time up to one month to reply to each of the points. S Teatota, Secretary, WCD had met the Chairperson and promised t within one week. After the report is received another meeting v convened to discuss the modalities of further follow up.

It was agreed that after examination of the report of the State second team would be constituted to again visit Gujarat to examine the with reference to the Commission's recommendations.

A meeting with the NCW Committee members along with sor IAS officers was proposed to be held in the form of a small consultatio discuss the modalities of follow up on relief and rehabilitation of wor meeting was proposed to be held in the last week of May, 2002. suggested were Smt. Asha Das and Smt. Kiran Agarwal (bot Secretaries, DWCD), Govt. of India. Members were requested to sugg for the consultation group.

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It was also felt that the Commission should be actively involved in monitoring delivery of the package of relief and rehabilitation announced by the Prime Minister.

III. Interaction with the Parliamentary Committee on Empowerment of Women on "Violence Against Women".

The Commission was informed that the Parliamentary Committee on Empowerment of Women had scheduled a meeting on the subject "Violence Against Women" on 14th June, 2002. Members were requested to furnish notes which could be included in the material which should be sent to the Committee.

IV. Sexual Harassment at Workplace.

Chairperson informed the Commission that the present Bill of NCW had several lacunae. The Bill had been discussed in two meetings of the Commission, some feedback had been received from NGOs. The following proposed course of action was agreed upon :

- (a) A small Drafting Committee would be set up to prepare a revised Bill incorporating all the inputs received so far. The names suggested were Shri Moolchand Sharma (Academic),

Shri Anees Ahmed (Lawyer), Smt. Amarjeet Kaur (Activist and Trade Unionist) and one representative of the Ministry of Labour. Members were requested to suggest names of persons, preferably Delhi based, for the Drafting Committee.

- (b) The Draft Bill would be placed on the NCW's Website.
- (c) A wide consultation meeting would be organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour.
- (d) Letters would be sent to all national level women's organizations seeking their views on the draft Bill after it is revised.
- (e) Letters would be sent to all Ministries and Departments of the Central and State Govt. for setting up of Complaints Committee.
- (f) On the lines of the meetings held within the Commission on the implementation of the Vishaka Judgement, meetings may also be held at

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the State levels in collaboration with State Commissions for Women, if possible, and NGOs where there are no State Commissions for Women or where cooperation of SCW is not forthcoming. On this point a decision would be taken only after Member Secretary returns from leave as series of meetings within the Commission had been convened by her.

V. Setting up of Expert Committees.

Chairperson spoke about the necessity for NCW to set up Expert Committees to examine issues in terms of Sec.16 of the NCW Act.

The following Committees were proposed to be set up :-

- i) Women & Education
- ii) Women & Trafficking
- iii) Women & Laws
- iv) Women & Health
- v) Women & Paramedicals
- vi) Women & Economic Empowerment
- vii) Women & Media
- viii) Women & Civil Services
- ix) Women & Judiciary
- x) Gender & Police
- xi) Women & Forestry
- xii) Women & Contract Labour
- xiii) Visually Challenged Women
- xiv) Child Right of the Girl Child

These Committees would be in addition to those already set up.

One Member would be in charge of every Expert Committee. An officer of the Administration and some coordinators would assist in the working of the Committee. It was also proposed to select one anchor person from out of the experts of a Committee to convene the meetings, prepare background papers etc. Such anchor person may be paid a small honourarium ranging from Rs.3,000/- to Rs.6,000/- per meeting. The proposal would be finalised after the matter is examined from the perspective of administrative and financial rules.

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

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