

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
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MINUTES OF THE 24TH MEETING OF THE NATIONAL
COMMISSION FOR WOMEN HELD ON 21ST JUNE, 1996.

The twenty-fourth meeting of the National Commission for Women was held on Friday the 21st June, 1996, under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Mohini Giri, Chairperson, National Commission for Women. The following were present :

1. Ms. Mohini Giri, Chairperson
2. Ms. Kokila Vyas, Member
3. Ms. Padma Seth, Member
4. Ms. Indira Misra, Member Secretary

Ms. Nisha Sahay Achutan attended the meeting as a special invitee.

Ms. Savita, Deputy Secretary, all Consultants and Counsellors, Section Officer and Assistant-in-charge were in attendance to render assistance.

Chairperson welcomed the Members and Member Secretary to the meeting. The agenda items were then taken up for consideration :

Item No. 1 : Confirmation of minutes of 23rd Meeting of the Commission held on 23rd May, 1996.

The minutes were confirmed.

Item NO. 2 : Review of follow-up action on the decisions taken at the 23rd Meeting.

It was decided that the Members shall be entitled to have a subject Consultant attached to each one of them, for which bio-data of the person may be

obtained the same may be examined by the Commission and if found appropriate, Consultants to assist them may be appointed for contract for short and fixed periods, pending filling of the existing filling-vacancies by Govt. of India.

It was decided that Shri Sadiq Jaleel (Consultant Legal) may be given a monthly remuneration of Rs. 4,500/- on contract basis initially for 6 months.

The representation made by Class-IV staff and others for being made regular in the Commission may be examined.

Clearing payment to all parties will be taken up on priority basis in view of the Clarifications given by the Department of Women & Child Development.

The following items proposed by Ms. Padma S. Member were taken up for consideration :

1. Legal awareness booklets for sharing Women's Colleges to be prepared and printed for use and distribution.
2. Printing of booklets on various topics already approved in the earlier meetings.
3. Appointment of 2 part-time Consultants compiling, publishing and printing of reports.
4. Appointment of (Consultant) Steno Shri Kishore for the Legal Unit.

Revising of salary of Consultants (Legal

6. Starting of Pre-litigation Centre and appointment of personnel thereof.
7. Photo-copier for Legal Unit.
8. Appointment of Legal Advisor - to decide terms and conditions.
9. One more legal awareness training programme at NLSU and organising of Regional legal awareness training programmes and allocation of funds thereof.
10. Approval of amendments to NCW Act and proposal to make it a Constitutional Body.
11. Each thrust area and activity must have consultant or staff to work with.
12. Publication of Newsletter.
13. Class IV staff need to be made permanent.
14. Manpower, money and venue have to be discussed for July Annual Conference.
15. (a) Clearing payments to all parties participating in NCW Conference meetings, Workshops.
(b) Clearing payments to all parties all Commissioned reports.

The items already covered under the review action above were not pursued. In regard to other items, the proposals were discussed in principle and it was decided all the cases listed will be taken

areness Training Programme at NLSUI, amendments to W Act.

In regard to Legal Awareness booklets for sharing with Women's Colleges to be prepared and printed for use and distribution it was mentioned that NLSUI is already been given 75% of Rs.1.1. lakh demanded by them for the said person project.

It was decided that follow-up action on these as well as holding legal awareness training for judicial personnel may be taken by Shri Saidq Jalani.

Item No.: 3 Engagement of Shri V.K. Jain on honorarium basis to assist in the work related to Conference of IG Prisons schedule for 22.07.1996

The proposal was approved and it was decided that he may be offered terms as before when he was a Consultant earlier in NCW for this event, only for two months.

Item No.: 4 Rent of accommodation at Gujarat Bhawan to be paid by Member, Ms.Kokila Vyas

It was decided that as proposed, the Government of Gujarat may be approached at the highest level for concessional charges. In the meantime, the Member may vacate the accommodation in Gujarat Bhawan immediately.

Item No.: 5 Establishment of Pre-litigation Centre

The proposal was discussed and approved for one year. The follow up action may be initiated. Counsel may be offered a monthly fee of Rs.4000/- on contract basis. A review of the working of the Centre may be undertaken after six months.

The arrangements so far made for holding the conference of IC Prisons were explained.

It was decided that Bangalore will be a venue in which for holding one of the functions related to the completion of one year tenure of the Commission. For the purpose, the convenience of the Prime Minister will have to be ascertained. This work will be attended to by Shri. S. Srinatha, Consultant. In the holding of function at Bangalore the National Association of Voluntary Organisations will render assistance. After the Prime Minister has given a date, the Conference of the State Commissions for Women may be fixed. In case, there is a clash of dates, the conference of State Commission for Women may be convened on 26.07.1996. It was also decided that the travel assistance of NCW to the State Commissions for participating in the proposed national level conference may be restricted to one air-fare and two AC rail fare per each Commission.

It was also decided that for the function to be attended by the Prime Minister at Bangalore two main activities will be prominent : (1) family courts; and (2) rehabilitation of Devadasis.

Further, all national level NGOs, Women's Study Centres, Women Universities, State Social Welfare Advisory Boards, State Commissions for Women, Women MPs, Women Journalists, sister national level Commissions, women police and women ambassadors, State Department of Women Child Development, Member of Expert Committees of NCW will be invited. Except for the invitees of the State

It was agreed that for the meeting of the expert committee on problems of prostitutes to be held at Delhi on 25.06.1996, travel assistance to one person engaged in the profession, to be brought by one of the Members of the Expert Committee (Shri Thakur) from Madras to Delhi may be restricted to air-fare to attend the meeting and first class rail-fare for return journey.

The scheme of distance education of legal awareness by NLSUI, Bangalore may be examined to sponsor as many candidates as possible by NCW.

The proposal of Mukhopadhaya and Swami Nityananda in regard to rehabilitation and child prostitutes were discussed. The proposal of Mukhopadhaya did not meet with much favour. As far Swami Nityananda's proposal, it was suggested that for establishing floriculture in the zones, i.e. near about Calcutta, in Hyderabad and Western region, the concerned Chief Minister may be addressed for allotment of requisite land and extending other ancillary facilities.

Procurement of staff cars for NCW may be expedited. It was decided that during the absence of the Chairperson from 27th June, 1996 to 15th July, 1996 on foreign tour, all files papers may be put up to Ms. Padma Seth, Member and ^{as desired} others obtained.

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

