

MINUTES OF THE 37TH MEETING OF THE NATIONAL
COMMISSION FOR WOMEN HELD ON 22.12.1997.

The 37th meeting of the National Commission for Women was held on 22nd December, 1997 under the Chairpersonship of Dr. (Mrs.) V. Mohini Giri. All Members and Member-Secretaries except Member (KV) were present. As the Chairperson and Members received news of Mrs. Kokila Vyas being unwell and admitted in hospital, a letter was sent by Chairperson, on behalf of all Members, for her speedy recovery.

Chairperson welcomed all Members to the 37th meeting. Chairperson gave a brief on her visit to Karachi to participate on a 2 day workshop on trafficking. The Commission was pleased to learn from Chairperson that the National Commission for Women, in India, is well-known in the SAARC countries. All countries were desirous to know how the National Commission for Women has been working and how it has been able to achieve success in several areas. Chairperson informed the Members that India's success in obtaining reservation for women in Panchayat and efforts of the women's movement to get 33% reservation in Parliament and Assemblies, is echoing in all the SAARC countries. All countries who participated in the Conference wanted to have Commissions for Women set up. The Newspapers were full of the experiences of National Commission for Women and had quoted extensively from the Chairperson's speech and participation in the Conference. This is a measure of success of the National Commission for Women that it is well-known.

ITEM NO.1 : Confirmation of the minutes of the 36th meeting.

The minutes of the 36th meeting were confirmed.

NO.2 : ACTION TAKEN REPORT.

Item No.5 of ATR. The work of State visits of National Commission for Women be assigned to Consultant(PSKM).

NO.6 OF ATR

As Member (KV) is unwell, it was decided that Member (SSH) should take part in the 25th Convention of the YWCA to be held at between 5th-7th January, 1998.

NO.7 OF ATR

Considering the announcement of mid-term elections, it would perhaps not be feasible to hold the meetings of State Secretaries of Education, Health, Women and Child Development in January and February, 1998. It was decided that a meeting be held of the State Secretaries of the Departments of Health, Women and Child Development, Welfare, Rural Development and Education between 1st to 8th March, 1998.

A separate meeting of the Chairperson and Members of the State Commissions be held prior to this and the State Commission should participate in the meeting of Secretaries.

ITEM NO.8: OF ATR

Adviser(PS) informed that as it has not been possible to call all the Members of the Expert Committee to meet for review of amendments proposed by Shri Bakshi, the Acts are being circulated to all Members of the Expert Committee for obtaining their comments and would be placed before the Commission shortly.

Regarding Codification of Laws, Adviser(PS) would be addressing the Director, National Law Institute, Bangalore.

ITEM NO.3(i)

The procedure for repair and maintenance of staff cars was approved and noted. It was also decided that the conveyance allowance be released to Member(SSH) every month without having to request for it.

ITEM NO.3(ii)

The provision of Overtime Allowance was noted by all Members and it was decided that OTA would not be approved by Members without work actually not being performed.

ITEM NO 3(iii): Grant of Honorarium.

Instructions regarding grant of honorarium were noted.

ITEM NO.3(iv) Noted.

ITEM NO.3(v)

It was decided that MS would have a look at this again and bring it at the next meeting, particularly, the extent of assistance.

ITEM NO.3(vi): Not approved.

ITEM NO.4 : Approved.

ITEM NO.5 : Noted.

ITEM NO.6

Note was circulated. Since the Members did not have enough time to go through it, it was decided to defer the item for the next meeting.

ITEM NO.7

It was decided to write to DDA that the Commission would be willing to consider the land near Apollo Hospital also.

ITEM NO.8

It was noted and Commission agreed that we may write to the Department of Women and Child Development for providing special grant to the ICCW for setting up the sub-station of Delhi Vidyut Board.

ITEM NO.9

Noted.

Regularisation of staff.

Not approved.

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