

F. No. 1/6/2006-NCW (Admn.)

National Commission for Women

Sub.: Minutes of the Commission Meeting held on 23rd May 2007

The following attended the meeting :-

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| 1. | Dr. Girija Vyas | Chairperson |
| 2. | Smt. Yasmeen Abrar | Member |
| 3. | Smt. Malini Bhattacharya | Member |
| 4. | Smt. Nirmala Venkatesh | Member |
| 5. | Smt. Manju S. Hembrom | Member |
| 6. | Smt. Neeva Konwar | Member |
| 7. | Shri N.P. Gupta | Member Secretary |

In attendance were :-

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| 1. | Shri Yogesh Mehta | Law Officer |
| 2. | Shri S.K. Nanda | Sr. Research Officer |
| 3. | Shri S.K. Jain | PAO |
| 4. | Shri Rajendra Bist | Coordinator |

Item NO. 1 **Leave of absence.**

Nil

Item NO. 2. **Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 29th March, 2007.**

Confirmed

Item NO. 3 **ATR in r/o decisions taken by the Commission meetings held on 19.12.06 and 20/21.02.2007** .

Noted

ATR on the meetings of 19th Dec., 2006 should be re-submitted as many items have been shown as 'action not taken'. The position regarding the action taken should be clearly indicated by the concerned officials. Action should be taken comprehensively and not merely on parts of the decisions. The concerned officers should take the initiative of getting the time of special meetings fixed by submitting the file and getting the time from CP personally.

(Action all sections)

With regard to Agenda Item No. 43 (Training of Counsellors), it was decided that a three days (i.e. Friday, Saturday and Sunday) Orientation Training Programme should be organized by NCW itself as a Workshop.

(Action C&I Cell)

The Commission decided that the final decision on the Item No. 38 of Feb., 2007 meeting should be taken within 10 days.

(Action C & I Cell)

ATR for 29th March, 2007 meeting should be included in the next meeting.

Item NO. 4. Annual Action Plan for the year of 2007-08

Approved with the observation that the following subjects should also be included in the Annual Action Plan and take up on priority.

- (i) Issue relating to placement agencies - This should be completed before October, 2007.
- (ii) Agriculture Policy for Women

(Action R & SC & Legal Cell)

Item No. 5 **Allocation of budget for the financial year 2007-08 and approval of actual expenditure incurred for the year 2006-07**

Approved.

(Action PAO)

Item No. 6 **Report on the Study of the Impact of Burgeoning Population on the Women in the India-Population Policy conducted by Dr. Usha tendon, in Delhi.**

The report was not approved. It was decided that the decision of the Commission with reasons for non acceptance should be communicated to the researcher. The balance payment may be released.

(Action Legal Cell)

Item No. 7 **Inquiry report on the gang rape at Dholpur.**

Reminder may be sent to State Govt. enclosing the report.

(Action C &I Cell)

Item No. 8 **Report on the visit to Nandigram.**

The report was approved by the Commission after making slight modification in Para 4 of the recommendation which will be finalized by Member (MB)

(Action: Member (MB); CO(BK)/C&I Cell)

Item No. 9 **Report on Shelter Homes for elderly destitute women particularly windows at Vrindavan.**

Approved.

Further action may be taken on this report. The matter of problems due to the need for “The Person is alive” certificate frequently may be taken up with the Govt.

(Action : M(MB))

Item No. 10 **Inquiry report on incident of sexual harassment at Nasirabad**

Status report may be called from the State Govt. of Rajasthan.

(Action : M(MSH))

Item No.11 **Note on Rescue at rehabilitation of trafficked Minors: Possibility of PIL**

It was decided that the matter should be studied in depth. The feasibility of discussing this in the National workshop on the subject may also be examined.

(Action : Legal Cell)

Item No. 12 **Background Note on “Dayan Pratha”**

Approved

(Action Legal Cell)

Item No. 13 **Functioning of C& I Cell**

Approved. It was resolved to add one more condition under which the Commission would not take cognizance of complaint. “When the complaint is not addressed to the Commission”.

(Action : Legal Cell)

Item No.14. **Background not on “Powers of the Civil Court vested with the Commission. – Formulation of best practices manual”.**

Approved the payment of Rs.4000/- to the Researcher.

(Action : Legal Cell)

Item No.15. Details of expenditure of workshop at Goa.

Approved. The total expenditure of Rs.8,45,609/- was approved. The share of expenditure of UNICEF may be collected from them urgently.

(Action : Legal Cell).

Item No.16. Amendment proposed to NCW Act, 1990 regarding selection of Chairperson and Members.

It was decided that the present provision should continue. Member (MB), however did not agree with the majority decision and gave a dissenting note. She wanted that the provision as suggested by NCW in the proposal for Amending the Act may be retained.

(Action : Legal Cell)

Item No.17. Construction of office building at Jaslola.

Approved. The letter may be sent to HUDCO as proposed.

(Action : Admn. Section)

Item No.18. Revision of Emoluments of Smt.Neetu Kashyap, Junior Accountant.

Deferred.

(Action : Admn. Section)

Item No.19. Grant of extension of Coordinators – regarding.

Approved. The extension may be granted till 30.06.2007. In the meanwhile a critical review of the performance of all coordinators may be done to decide about their further continuance beyond 30.6.2007.

(Action : Admn. Section)

Item No.20. Gender Budgeting.

Noted.

(Action : R&S Cell).

Item No.21. Draft Report of the National Conference on “Dayan Pratha” held on 25-26 April at Udaipur, Rajasthan.

Approved.

(Action : R& S Cell)

Item No.22. Decision on the quantum of advance to be released in case of Awareness Programmes.

Approved. Only 50% advance need be given as in case of LACs.

(Action : R&S Cell)

Item No.23. Report on Regional Workshop on “Women and Land Rights in Northern India” held on 21st – 23rd August, 2006 at Aligarh organized b the Centre for Women’s Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, U.P.

Noted. Balance payment may be released.

(Action : R& S Cell)

Item No.24. Report on “NCW Seminar to review status of Women Sanitary Workers in Tamil Nadu” held on 23rd November, 2006 at Chennai

Noted. Balance payment may be released.

(Action : R&S Cell).

Item No.25. Report on the Status Seminar on “Declining Sex Ratio in Haryana” held on 18th January, 2007 at MDA Hall, Nuh, Mewat,

Haryana. ORganised by Vishuva Prayana Avum Swasthya Saraksgan Sansthan, Gurgaon (Haryana).

Noted. Balance payment may be released.

(Action : R&S Cell)

Item No.26. Report on National Seminar on “Gender Equality and the Indian Republic held on 17-18, November, 2006 at Mumbai, organized by Women Development cell, University of Mumbai, Mumbai

Noted. Balance payment may be released.

(Action : R&S Cell)

Item No.27. Report on National Conference on “Graduation SHG’s from Micro Credit to Micro Enterprises – Issues and Challenges held on 15th July, 2006 at New Delhi organized by Vividh Vikash Samiiti, New Delhi.

Noted. Balance payment to be released.

(Action : (R&S Cell)

Item No.28. Report on State level seminar on “Women’s political participation” held on 7th January, 2007 at New Delhi organized by Association of Development of Rural People – ADRP Trust, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi.

Noted. Balance payment may be released.

Item No.29. Any other item with the permission of Chair.

- (i) Member (MB) raised the matter pertaining to a family in dire distress in Manipur (Murray). In view of the urgent nature of the case, it was

decided that M(MB) would obtained approval of the Members by circulation. The report will thereafter be sent to the Govt. of Manipur.

- (ii) The issue of regularisation of casual workers was also raised. It was decided that the casual workers should be regularized against the available post in accordance with the rules and Supreme Court Judgment with in a period of 10 days. It was also decided that arrangements may be made adjacent to the NRCW on the 2nd floor, for seating the counselors within a period of one month.
- (iii) It was decided that the decision to entertain and close the complaints, to summon the records and persons and to conduct the hearings would be taken only at the level of Members. Hearings should also be done only by the Members and not at any lower levels.

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