

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

MINUTES OF THE 219th MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON 23rd SEPTEMBER, 2021 IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE COMMISSION.

Present:

1. Ms. Rekha Sharma	Chairperson
2. Ms. Chandramukhi Devi	Member
3. Ms. Shyamala S. Kunder	Member
4. Ms. Rajulben L. Desai	Member
5. Ms. Meeta Rajivlochan	Member Secretary

Also Present:

1. Shri A. Asholi Chalai	Joint Secretary
2. Ms. Barnali Shome	Under Secretary
3. Shri Rajesh Singh Bisht	Pay & Accounts Officer
4. Shri Ashutosh Pande	Senior Research Officer
5. Shri Arun Khurana	Section Officer
6. Ms. Kanchan Khattar	Sr. Coordinator (Legal)
7. Ms. M. Lilabati	Sr. Coordinator (C&I)
8. Shri Bansi Lal	Consultant (Assistant)

The Member Secretary, National Commission for Women welcomed the Chairperson, Members, Officers and officials of the National Commission for Women to the 219th Meeting of the Commission.

Agenda Item No. 219//1:

Minutes of the 218th Meeting of the Commission held on 25th August, 2021.

Minutes of the 218th Meeting of the Commission held on 25th August, 2021 were affirmed by the Commission.


Agenda Item No. 219//2:

Action Taken Report on the items of 218th Meeting of the Commission held on 25th August, 2021.

Action Taken Report on the Minutes of 218th Meeting held on 25th August, 2021 was noted by the Commission.

Agenda Item No. 219//3:

Law Review Report on "Cyber Crimes Against Women – Do prevailing laws suffice?" (2020-21).

The Commission deliberated and accorded ex-post facto approval of the for consolidated report on the subject 'Cyber Crimes Against Women – Do Indecent Representation of Women's Act, IT Act and other prevailing laws suffice?'.


Agenda Item No. 219//4:

Research Study on “Compliance to Provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 with focus on Private Sector”, awarded to Bharatiya Institute of Research & Development (BIRD).

The Commission deliberated and accorded approval for the following:


- 1) Acceptance of the Report by the Commission.
- 2) Release of final instalment of i.e. Rs.1,40,490/- (Rupees one lakh forty thousand four hundred ninety only) being 20% of the total sanctioned amount or amount as per UC after verification by PAO.
- 3) Forwarding a copy of the report to the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- 4) Placing copy of report in the library of the Commission.

The Commission desired that a copy of the report may also be sent to the Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of Legal Affairs and Action Taken Report may be solicited.

Agenda Item No. 219//5:

Post Facto Approval of Webinar proposals recommended by Experts Committee for the Financial year 2021-22

The Commission deliberated and accorded approval for the following, as per details given in the Agenda Item:

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- i. Administrative approval for sanction of 80 webinar proposals (69 from Non-NER region and 11 from NER region) recommended by Experts Committee comprising of Smt. Chandramukhi Devi, Member, NCW, Smt. Rajulben L. Desai, Member, NCW and Prof. Sabiha Hussain, Director, Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, for the financial year 2021-22.
 - ii. Financial approval for sanction of 80 webinar proposals (69 from Non-NER region and 11 from NER region) recommended by Experts Committee for the financial year 2021-22. This will entail the expenditure of Rs.24,00,000 (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs only). Out of which, Rs.12,00,000 (Rupees Twelve Lakhs only) i.e. 50% of the total sanctioned amount may be released on receipt of requisite documents and Rs.12,00,000 (Rupees Twelve Lakhs only) i.e. 50% of the total sanctioned amount after conducting the webinar and submitting satisfactory webinar report, Utilisation Certificate, Expenditure Statement and Bills/Vouchers.

The Commission also desired that efforts may continue to be made for sanction of proposals among various States on proportionate/equal basis.

Agenda Item No. 219/II/1

Budget Allocation for the year 2021-22 and Expenditure incurred upto 31.08.2021

The Commission noted the Budget allocation for the year 2020-21 and expenditure incurred in the 2nd quarter from July and August, 2021 and funds available for the month of September, 2021 as per details given in the Agenda Item.

Agenda Item No. 219/II/2

Monthly Report – Complaint and Investigation Cell

The Commission noted the monthly report (August, 2021) in respect of Complaints & Investigation Cell, as per details given in the Agenda item.

The Commission desired to submit data of replies received from the complainant(s) in response to NCW email/letter regarding disposal of pending cases for the years 2011-2015 and action taken by Complaint & Investigation Cell, in the next meeting of the Commission.

Agenda Item No. 219/II/3

Inquiry Report – Bodh Gaya based Shelter Home case.

The Commission noted the Report of the Inquiry Committee headed by Smt. Chandramukhi Devi, Member, NCW.

Agenda Item No. 219/T/1

Research Study on “Human Trafficking in Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal”, awarded to Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

The Commission deliberated and accorded approval for the following:

1. Acceptance/Approval of the report titled “Human Trafficking In Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal” submitted by Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.
2. Release of balance (third instalment) of Rs.6,94,680/- (Rupees six lakhs ninety four thousand six hundred eighty only) or as per the Utilization Certificate.
3. Sending/Forwarding a copy of report to the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
4. Placing/providing a copy of report to the library of Commission.



Agenda Item No. 219/T/2

Approval of Research Studies proposals recommended by Expert Committee for F.Y. 2021-22.

The Commission deliberated and accorded approval for the following:

- I. Administrative approval for selection of 16 (14 Non NER +2 NER) Research Studies for the F.Y. 2021-22.
- II. Financial approval for selected 14 Non NER Research Studies for the F.Y. 2021-22. This could entail the expenditure of Rs.1.95 Crore (Rupees One Crore Ninety Five Lakhs). Out of this, Rs.97.99 Lakh (Rupees Ninety Seven lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand only) will be required to be released as 1st installment i.e. 50% of the sanctioned amount, after receipt of requisite documents.
- III. Financial approval for selected 2 NER Research Studies for the F.Y. 2021-22. This could entail the expenditure of Rs.26,40,450/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Forty Thousand Four Hundred Fifty only). Out of this, Rs.13,20,225 (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Twenty Thousand Two Hundred & Twenty Five only) will be required to be released as 1st installment i.e. 50% of the sanctioned amount, after receipt of requisite document.

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

**(Meeta Rajivlochan)
Member Secretary**

**(Rekha Sharma)
Chairperson**