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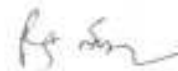
No.1-6/2010-11 NCW (Commission Meeting)

Dated 19th December, 2011

Subject:- Meeting of the Commission held on 24.11 2011 at 12.00 hrs. in the Conference hall of the National Commission for Women-- circulation of minutes regarding .

The minutes of the Commission Meeting held on 24.11 2011 at 12.00 hrs. in the Conference hall of the National Commission for Women are enclosed for information and necessary action.

It is requested that action taken report, if any, on the decisions taken in the above meeting, may please be furnished at the earliest.



(Raj Singh)
Deputy Secretary

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Coordinators (Sonali, Kanchan Khattar, Arti Chawala, Lilawati)

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**Minutes of the Commission's Meeting held on 24.11.2011 at 12.00 hrs.
in the Conference Hall of the National Commission for Women, New
Delhi.**

The following attended the meeting:-

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| 1. Smt. Mamta Sharma | Chairperson |
| 2. Smt. Charuwali Khanna | Member |
| 3. Smt. Anita Agnihotri | Member secretary |

In attendance were:-

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| 1. Smt. Minakshi Ghose | Joint Secretary |
| 2. Shri Raj Singh | Deputy Secretary |
| 3. Smt. Sraddha Paul | Under Secretary |
| 4. Shri S.C. Kaushik | Law officer |
| 5. Shri J. K. Uniyal | PAO |
| 6. Smt Kareena B Thengmam | PRO |
| 7. Shri Jawahari Singh | Cousultant |
| 8. Shri H. C. Bharti | Coordinator |

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At the outset, Member Secretary of the Commission welcomed the Hon'ble Chairperson and Member of the Commission to the meeting and mentioned that this is the third Commission Meeting of the Chairperson. Smt. Charuwali Khanna, Member, also welcomed the Chairperson to the meeting. She also welcomed the Member Secretary who has joined the Commission on 17th October, 2011.

1. & 2. Confirmation of the minutes of the meetings held on 1.9.2011 and 6.9.2011:-

Confirmed.

3. Action Taken Report on the points taken up in the Commission Meetings held on 01.09.2011 and 06.09.2011.

Action Taken Reports on the decisions taken in the Commission Meetings held on 01.09.2011 and 06.09.2011 were approved except the following where in discussions took place and decisions made as mentioned against each item.

Agenda Item No, 2(2)

Meeting of 19.5.2011

MOU signed between NCW and Delhi Police:-

The proposal of Delhi Police needed a fresh look. A letter may be addressed by Hon'ble Chairperson to the Chief Minister, Delhi Smt. Sheila Dikshit in this regard for extending the projects 'Save Home Save Family' to other districts and funding it through the State Govt.

The matter was discussed at length and it was decided that all the files of MOUs signed between NCW and other organizations with self contained notes may be put up to the Chairperson.

(Action:Legal Cell, R&S Cell, Admn.)

Anita Jaiswal

Agenda Item No. 20

Regional and National Consultation on need for Central Legislation on Dayan Pratha.

It was decided that the word Dayan Pratha should be removed and the sentence may be amended as Regional and National Consultation on "Need for Central Legislation to prevent atrocities against women by branding them as witches or dayan."

(Action Legal Cell)

Agenda Item No. 22

National Seminar on Plight of the problems of Sex workers with Panel appointed by Hon'ble Supreme Court

It was informed that the Commission has been regularly attending the meetings of the Committee under Separate Panel made by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. In earlier meeting, it was decided that a National Seminar on the topic may be organized with a budget of Rs. 3 lakhs and intimated the Panel Members accordingly. The NCW committed to spend Rs. 3 lakhs on the Seminar. The issue was discussed and it was decided that the whole matter need to be reviewed because a National Seminar on "Human Trafficking" had already been conducted by NCW recently on 23.11.2011 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. Member (CWK) mentioned that a separate fund is also available with the Panel Members for the purpose of conducting the Seminar at their own. The concerned file is to be put up for a fresh decision in the matter.

(Action Legal Cell)

Amita Jaiswal

Dated 06.09.2011

ATR No. 3-4

Awareness cum Publicity Campaign on Problems relating to NRI Marriages.

It was decided that in Punjab, the programme may be held after 15th January, 2012. At a stretch four days programmes need to be scheduled and launched in one state in which one full day for the city area and other full day for the rural areas is to be fixed. Besides, an NRI programme may also be organized in Kerala state on the same pattern during the period December 2011 to February 2012.

(Action- NRI Cell)

Agenda Item No:- 16

Revision of Guidelines for financing LAP, PMLA, Awareness Programmes and Public Hearing, etc. as the funds provided for the present are inadequate.

Regarding LAP, it was decided that these may be organized at Bundi and other remote places in Rajasthan and Dehradun and other remote places in Uttarakhand State. PRO is to coordinate with R&S Cell and put up a detailed note along with programme schedule of LAPs after taking dates from Chairperson.

(Action- PRO/ R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No.17.

Permission of the Commission to initiate procedure to blacklist 3 NGOs due to non receipt of requisite documents.

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The discussion centered around the procedure to black list NGOs due to non-receipt of requisite documents. There is need to review other cases in this regard as well. Member Secretary informed that either the money should be got back from such NGOs or the receipts of the programmes to be obtained with respect to insistence on original receipts for sanction of funds as per Commission's decision. It was suggested that information on the procedure being followed in other departments such as NHRC, WCD and CSWB may be collected informally and there after a self contained note be prepared and put up within three weeks. It was pointed out that several cases are held up on account of original receipts.

(Action- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No, 4

Establishing of 24X7 Helpline and Call Centre.

In order to provide support, guidance and legal advice to the women in need, NCW felt to embark upon multiple channels to support women in distress using both traditional and modern techniques. NCW proposed a toll free voice communication 24X7 call centre facility to support women in distress based on the concept of 'anytime, anywhere and by anybody' in near future. The call centre is to run and maintained by a professional agency but evaluated and monitored by NCW. As a pilot scheme it is to be taken up in two districts one from Gujarat and another from Haryana. Member CWK informed that in Gujarat, with the helpline of State Women Commission, Counselor, Legal Consultant and media personnel are also linked so as to entertain the complain and provide the solution thereof. Thus, it becomes a specialty counseling and facility centre for women who are in distress.

The Commission may call EOI from any Consultant preferably working or connecting with women issues and offers for selecting the designated

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agency to run the centre. Information may also be collected from the technology cell of TCS under notification for Expression of Interest for transfer of Technology.

It was suggested that there is need to have detailed discussions and presentations on the EOI after these are received.

(Action- PAO)

Agenda Item No.5 :-

Inquiry Report about the alleged rape of a 26 year old woman by a police official in Sihani Gate, Ghaziabad, U.P.

Noted.

(Coordinator Suo-Moto)

Agenda Item No.7 :-

Approval of Weeding out of Old Complaints in C& I cell pertaining to the year 1992- 1999.

It was intimated that on physical examination of the old records of the C&I Cell by the Senior Officers of the Commission, it was found that even the closed cases pertaining to the years 1992-1999 which should have been weeded out earlier as per the procedure, are still lying in the almirahs. According to the schedule of record management of Government of India, the files/ cases of category 'C' meaning " keep for specified period only", which are 10 years old can be weeded out.

It was decided that the closed cases which are more than 10 years old, may be weeded out after undertaking a test check of 10% of the cases at the level

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of DS/ US for all the years beginning from 1992 to 1999. This process will provide a lot of office space and as a result will improve the overall environment in the office.

(Action C&I)

Agenda Item No.15 :-

Closing of Old Complaint cases forwarded to various State Commission/ WCD Departments of State Governments during 2000-2001 for Redressal.

It was informed that on checking of old records of C&I Cell, it was found that 7532 old complaints cases were forwarded to various State Commission for Women/ WCD Departments of State Governments during the years 2000-2001 in original for Redressal. Out of these cases 2850 cases pertained to the year 2000. The files of these cases contain only the lists containing the number, case number, subject and name of complaints. While forwarding the complaints, the State Commissions etc; were requested to get the complaints inquired into and take suitable steps for Redressal under intimation to all concerned. A period of about 10 years has elapsed since these complaints were forwarded to the State Commissions etc;

As the procedure for closure of complaints apply to the cases handled by the NCW and when ATRs etc; are sought. On other hand in those cases original complaints were sent to the State Women Commission/ WCD departments of State Governments requesting them to get the complaints inquired into and take necessary steps for Redressal under intimation to all concerned.. Thus, it was decided that such old cases can be closed by entering the data in the system.

(Action- C&I)

Anita Singh

Agenda Item No.6 :-

Clearance of Pendency of old complaints in C& I cell.

It was informed that there are approximately 40,000 old complaint cases in C&I Cell. The old records of C&I Cell were classified as 1. Complaints not registered; 2. Complaints registered, BTR forwarded but action taken not reported; 3. Complaints registered, ATR received, no follow up and case not closed; and 4. Complaints registered, ATR received, case recommended for closure but order for closure was not passed. Keeping this in view, three issues cropped up namely (a) Closure/ disposal of cases; (b) Preservation; or (c) Weeding out of records.

It was decided that the existing procedure for closure of complaints may be followed.

For weeding out of records once approved, shredder be arranged for destruction of old files.

(Action- C&I)

Agenda Item No.15A :-

Procedure for handing current cases in the C& I Cell

In order to improve the disposal of current cases and strengthen the system more ^{man} power is required in the C & I Cell. As professional counselors can not be engaged by the Commission, it was decided that more data entry operators should be taken from NICS, a Govt. organization and posted in C&I Cell. The dispatch should handle all additional work relating to dispatch of letters rather than C&I handling it. There is need for monitoring of daily output of C&I Cell including that of RA and ensuring regular updating of closure cases. A separate

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photocopier should be installed for attending^{to} the photocopying work of the C&I Cell.

(Action- C&I & Admn)

Agenda Item No.8

Approval of a Seminar on NRI issues in Jalandhar (Punjab).

Approval was accorded to organizing a National/ Regional Seminar on 'NRI Marriages' at Jullundhar in January 2012/ early February, 2012 as per budget allocation of NCW.

Agenda Item No. 9

Consultation on Draft Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) to provide matching assistance to State Government for Women implementation of PWDVA 2005.

It was revealed that the scheme was circulated among experts and some good suggestions were received. Hence for seeking more suggestions on the scheme, a Consultation is necessary. It was suggested that the scheme may be circulated among the new experts/ invitees/NGOs before hand and their comments may be sought. AMAN NGO may also be invited which is dealing with about 100 NGOs. Thereafter the Consultation may follow. Regarding honorarium/ sitting fee to be paid to the experts, it was decided that a sum of Rs. 1500/- may be paid as honorarium/ sitting fee.

A consultation on Draft Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) to provide matching assistance to State Government for Women implementation of PWDVA 2005 was approved.

Anita Johari

It was also decided that a Consultation may be held before 14th January, 2012 with adequate ground work so as to record the views of the representative NGOs during the meeting. LO will be the nodal officer for the meet.

(Action- LO)

Agenda Item No. 10:-

Visit of Sub jail, Sada, Vasco (Goa) by Ex- Member (WS).

Noted.

(Action- LO)

Agenda Item No. 11: -

To consider the Inquiry Committee Report of the inquiry into the incident of a 14 year old girl raped and assaulted by fellow students at Shillong , Meghalaya

Noted.

(Action-Suo-moto Coordinator)

Agenda Item No. 12: -

**Proposed Programme for international Women's Day Week (8th to 14th March, 2012)
8th March, 2012 (Thursday)**

Approved.

Regarding felicitation of outstanding women, it was suggested that names of such women may also be sought from District Collectors of different districts

Anita Jaisankar

in the country, Department of Women and children and Social Welfare Boards of different States, State Commission for Women and other Channels dealing specifically with women issues. Successful stories from C&I Cell may also be collected. This will send a good Message among women who will be encouraged to safeguard their interests and prevent atrocities being committed against them.

(Action-PRO /C&ICell)

12th March, 2012 (Monday).

For laying Foundation Stone of proposed building of NCW at Jasola, it was decided that this ceremony may be get done either by the Prime Minister of India, or UPA President Sonia Gandhi, or by Speaker of Lok Sabha. Necessary action to extend invitation to them and seeking their convenience may be taken.

(Action- PRO)

14th March, 2012 (Wednesday)

National Consultation on 'Implementation of Women related Laws' by Women power Connect.

Approved.

As regards organizing National Consultation on 'Implementation of Women Related Laws' by Women Power Connect, it was decided that it may be organized either in Delhi or in UP, and Regional Consultations may be organized one in North Eastern States in the month of December,2011 and another in South in the month of January 2012. Places for organizing these Consultations may be identified and put up in the file for approval.

(Action-Legal Cell)

Anita Jha

Agenda Item No. 13: - Inquiry report to Inquire into the complaint of Sh. Fakaruddin Shaikh, regarding the alleged suicide by complainant's daughter.

Noted.

(Action-Suo-moto Coordinator)

Agenda Item No. 14: -

Regional and National Consultation on need for Central legislation on Dayan Pratha

Approved.

After a prolonged discussions on the subject, it was decided that three Regional Seminars may be organized each in Rajasthan (Bhilwara), Chhattisgarh and Assam. One National level Seminar may be organized in Delhi. The selection of locations for these Seminars should be based on the number of atrocities committed against women in that area. Accordingly the regions may be adjusted. As the budget allocation is separate for North Eastern Region, one more Seminar may be organized in that region like Assam and Manipur.

(Action-Legal Cell)

Agenda Item No. 16 :-

Approval of Weeding out of the proposals which were not approved by the Screening Committee Meetings during 2010-11

It was informed that 708 proposals, (299 Seminars/ Research Studies+ 409 LAPs and PMLAs) were placed before the Screening Committee Meetings held on 10.02.2010, 30.03.2010, 05.10.2010, 22.11.2010, 27.01.2011 and

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18.03.2011 for consideration. These proposals were not approved by the Commission during the financial year 2010-11 and needed weeding out. It was decided that the approved proposals may be loaded in the website of NCW and the non- approved proposals may be weeded out after proper physical verification and checking of these proposals individually. They may be physically moved out to create space in the cell.

(Action-R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No. 17: --

Approval for release of balance payment of Noble Social and Educational Society, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh for 'Research Study on Farmers Suicides and its Impact on Women and Families in Andhra Pradesh'

Approval accorded for release of balance payment of Rs.31,290/- to Noble Social and Educational Society, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.

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Agenda Item No. 18: -

Approval for release of balance payment of Mothers Lap Charitable Organization for 'Research Study on Impact of Dowry Prohibition Act on Social Change'

Approval accorded for release of balance payment of Rs 67,620/- to Mothers Lap Charitable, gapalem, P. O., Yellamanchilli (MD), District Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

(Action- R&S Cell)

Anita Jagan

Agenda Item No. 19: -

Approval for release of balance payment of Maathru Bhoomi Foundation, Mayur Vihar, Delhi for 'Research Study on Environment provided by BPOs/ MNCs to their Women Employees.

Approval accorded for release of balance payment of Rs 68,600/- to Maathru Bhoomi Foundation, A437, Top Floor G.D. Colony, Mayur Vihar Phase-iii, Delhi- 96

(Action- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No. 20:

To address the requirement of quality and standards in considering the proposals of Seminars/ Workshops, Research Studies, LAP and PMLA.

It was informed that there is need to address the requirements for quality and standards in the activities of the Research & Studies Cell. The R&S Cell sponsors NGOs/State Commission for Women/ Research Studies centres of universities, the activities of Seminars/ Workshops, Awareness Programmes, Research Studies, LAP, PMLA. In the Current year up to September, 2011, the position of release of funds and committed liabilities is that 75.78% of budget allocation has already been approved and along with funds committed only some is left to be spent. Considering the extent of commitment, the following suggestions were approved:-

Seminars/ Workshops:- The Commission should give directions to the NGOs / organizations regarding the choice of subjects such as areas of women specific legislature and its implementation, regional issues to be resolved through advocacy. The Commission should be proactive with a sense of continuity rather than reactive.

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Research Studies: - The Research Studies should be homogeneous in terms of research parameters, methodology and usability. Unless a research study is picked up by user department/ policy makers or research papers, its usefulness is limited. There is need to set standards in general. (a) applicants of 2005-10 may be intimated about the cases approved by the Commission through the website, cases not approved should be listed and weeded out after general intimation and following the procedure.(b) all cases not approved and to be placed before the Screening Committee should be vetted by a team of Research Professionals including ICSSR/ICSSR bodies located in Delhi. (c) The subjects of research studies as short listed in Commission Meeting of May, 2011 and received from different Ministries/ Departments should be finalized by an Internal Committee headed by MS/JS and final subjects should be sponsored to ICSSR Institutes, State/ Central Universities, Large NGOs with research capabilities with approval of Commission.

Legal Awareness Programmes:- The issue of Legal Awareness Programmes was discussed at length. It was decided that the Legal Awareness Programme should be mostly substituted by Public Hearing. The Topics of the Public Hearing need be region specific and the proposal should specify the names of resource persons/ legal experts and the details of persons going to be deposed before the Public Hearing,

PMLAs:- PMLA is one of the important activities of the Commission for Redressal of grievances of women and should be given due weigh age. It was decided that PMLA should be organized by NCW in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority. Region- wise targets may be fixed for this activity for achieving a uniform spread all over the country.

(Action- R&S Cell)

Anita Jaiswal

Agenda Item No. 21:

Approval of budget requirement for purchases of computers.

Approval for purchase of 07 computers and 04 printers is accorded. Taking in to consideration the availability of funds under the head "Machinery and Equipment", approval for purchase of one Fax machine, one photocopy machine for use by M (CWK) was also accorded. They should be considered for purchase from authorized dealers at DGS&D rates.

(Action- Admn)

Agenda Item No. 22:-

Inquiry Report of the inquiry in to the incident of a 37 year old woman who allegedly beaten to death and her body was allegedly set on fire by her family at Lehar Village of Morena district, MP.

Noted.

(Action-Suo-moto Coordinator)

Agenda Item No. 23:-

Regional Consultation on Marriageable Age of girls (Trivandrum)

Approved the expenditure of Rs. 4,88,469 incurred for organizing a Regional Consultation on Marriageable Age of girls at Trivandrum..

(Action- Legal Cell)

Sarla Agrahari

Agenda Item No. 24:-

Regional Consultation on Marriageable Age of girls (Puducherry).

Approved the expenditure of Rs. 8,49,039 incurred for organizing a Regional Consultation on Marriageable Age of girls at Puducherry.

(Action- Legal Cell)

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

Anita Gopinathan
Member Secretary

Mamta Shree
Chairperson