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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION
FOR WOMEN HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 25TH FEBRUARY, 1992.

The first meeting of the National Commission for Women was held on 3.00 P.M. on Tuesday the 25th February, 1992 at ICCW Building, under the Chairmanship of Ms. Jayanti Patnaik, the following were present:

1. Ms. Jayanti Patnaik - Chairperson
2. Ms. Padma Seth - Member
3. Ms. Ganga Potai - Member
4. Ms. B. Senapati - Member
5. Ms. Monika Das - Member
6. Ms. Uma Pillai - Member Secretary

The Chairperson welcomed the Members of the Commission and expressed the hope that the National Commission will make efforts to perform the functions assigned to it and meet the aspirations of the women in the country. The items on the agenda were taken up for consideration.

Item No.1 To receive a report on the National Commission for Women Act 1990.

The Commission took note of the report on the National Commission for Women Act 1990.

Item No.2 To receive a report on the National Commission for Women Act 1990 having come into force.

The Commission took note of the Report on the National Commission for Women Act 1990 having come into force.

Item No.3 To receive a note on the National Commission for Women [Salaries and Allowances and Conditions of Services of Chairperson and Members] Rules, 1992.

The Commission took note of the National Commission for Women [Salaries and Allowances and Conditions of Services of Chairperson and Members] Rules, 1992.

Item No.4 To receive a note on the composition of the National Commission for Women.

The Commission took note on the composition of the National Commission for Women.

Item No.5

To receive a note on the National Commission for Women [Allowances payable Members] Rules, 1992.

The Commission took note of the Commission for Women [Allowances Coopted Members] Rules, 1992.

Item No.6

To receive a note on the administrative action taken to make the Commission operational.

The Commission took note on the administrative action taken to make the Commission operational. As for the accommodation of Staff, it has to be worked out vi-gours-ly. Regarding conveyance, it has been decided that the Members can use the vehicle until permanent arrangements are made. Considering the nature of work of the Commission for Women the members sharing of the vehicle may not be feasible.

Item No.7

Rules of procedure of the Commission
Section 9 [ii] of the National Commission for Women Act 1990 provides that the Commission shall regulate its own procedure. The Commission considered the draft rules of procedure of the Commission and adopted them with certain modifications. A copy of the rules of the procedure of the Commission adopted by the Commission is given at Annexure-I

Item No.8

Rules of procedure of the Committees
Section 9 [ii] of the National Commission for Women Act provides that the Commission shall regulate the procedure of its committees. The Commission considered the draft rules of procedure of the Committee and adopted them with modifications. A copy of the rules of procedure of the Committee adopted by the Commission is given at Annexure-II

✓ Item No.9 ✓ Delegation of financial powers to the Member Secretary of the National Commission for Women.
The Commission considered the proposal regarding delegation of financial powers to the Member Secretary of the National Commission for Women for performance of its functions till the financial delegation of powers are finalised and adopted by the Commission and approved the proposal.

✓ Item No.10 ✓ Opening of the Bank Account of the National Commission for Women.
The proposal to open a Bank Account in the name of National Commission for Women was taken up of consideration and the Commission resolved that an account in the name of National Commission for Women may be opened in the Canara Bank, at 212, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg, New Delhi.

Item No.11 Operation of the Bank Account of National Commission for Women.
The Commission approved that the Bank Account, Accounts be operated by the Pay & Accounts Officer of the National Commission for Women who will sign all the cheques on behalf of the National Commission for Women. The Drawing & Disbursing Officer of the Commission will draw the money from the account of the Commission and on behalf of the Commission for further disbursement.

Item No.12 Conveyance and Office equipment
The item was approved after consideration.

Item No.13 Tentative budget for 1991-92.
The proposed tentative Budget for 1991-92 was discussed and approved by the Commission. The Chairperson desired that the sanctioned amount of Rs.3.00 lacs. be also placed at the disposal of the Commission as early as possible.

Item No.14 Appointment of Consultants in the
The item was considered and approved by the Commission.

Item No.15 Appointment of staff on daily
basis in the Commission.

The item was considered and approved by the Commission.

Item No. 16 Adoption of Manual of Office Procedure

The Commission resolved to tentatively adopt the Manual of Office Procedure of the Government of India to make the Commission conform to the National Commission for Women.

Item No.17 Adoption of Government Accounting
F&A rules are notified.

The Commission considered the adoption of Government accounting rules. The Finance & Accounts Rules of the Government of India are notified, and approved the proposal.

Item No.18 Any other matter with the permission of the
Chair.

i. The Chairperson desired that an inaugural function be held in the month of August, 1975, where the Prime Minister and the Minister for Human Resource Development and State Welfare are invited. The inaugural function may include representatives from various organizations, activists, experts in the field of women's work. The inaugural function may focus on the functions of the Commission its role in promoting the women in the mainstream of life.

ii. The tasks to be taken up by the Commission in terms of its functions were discussed. The Commission resolved to take up in the next few weeks some kind of pilot project which would be attempted after discussion with the M.Ps, the judiciary, Voluntary organizations, academicians, opinion makers etc. The modalities for taking up these tasks were also considered.

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- iii. The Members expressed concern over the increase in the incidence of atrocities against women. The Chairperson assured that this matter will be given top priority and the Commission would consider the ways and means to prevent them. The Commission will hold discussions with the activists Police, NGOs and others to draw a plan of action to look into these aspects.
- iv. The Chairperson will allot the work to the Members in terms of the functions assigned to the Commission.
- v. The question of approving the tour programmes of the Members was considered and it was decided that the Chairperson shall approve the tour programme of the Members.

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