

**Minutes of the Commission's Meeting held on 26.07.2014 at 1200 hrs in the
Conference Hall of the National Commission for Women, New Delhi**

The following attended the meeting:

1. Smt. Mamta Sharma	Chairperson
2. Dr. Charu WaliKhanna	Member
3. Ms. Hemlata Kheria	Member
4. Smt. Nirmala Samant Prabhavalkar	Member
5. Smt. Shamina Shafiq	Member
6. Smt. Laldingliani Sailo	Member
7. Dr. Nandita Chatterjee	Member Secretary

In attendance were:

1. Smt. Sunita H. Khurana	Joint Secretary
2. Shri Raj Singh	Deputy Secretary
3. Shri S K Gupta	Under Secretary
4. Smt. Sudha Choudhary	Law Officer
5. Shri Sukhchain Singh	Public Relation Officer
6. Smt. Richa Ojha	Sr. Research Officer
7. Shri Jawahari Singh	Sr. Research Consultant
8. Smt. Anita Papreja	Coordinator

At the outset, Member Secretary welcomed the Chairperson and all Members present in the meeting of the Commission. Thereafter, with the permission of the Chair, the Member Secretary presented, ad seriatim, the agenda items of the meeting.

Agenda Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Commission's meeting held on 22.05.2014.

Confirmed

Agenda Item No.2: Action Taken Report.

The Commission noted the contents of the Action taken report. In the same context, it was further stated that the following Schemes had been proposed for approval under Nirbhaya Fund in the previous Meeting of the Commission held on 22.05.2014: -

- i. Relief and Rehabilitation for victims of Rape and Acid Attack.
- ii. Developing a "Standardized Training Module on Gender Sensitization".
- iii. Extension of the project "Violence free Home – A Women's right"
- iv. Setting up of proposed Nirbhaya Forensic Sciences Laboratory.

These schemes were discussed in the Commission meeting dated 22nd May, 2014 and it was decided that all members would deliberate on these schemes and convey their views within ten days of the date of the Commission's Meeting. Since no comments have been received from the members, the Commission resolved that

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these proposals as placed in the Commission's meeting dated 22nd May, 2014 be send to government. The Commission also approved the draft report of the Expert Committee on "Prevention and Protection and Women from public dehumanization and stigmatization".

Agenda Item No.3: Approval of the budget for the National level Consultation on "Portrayal of Women in Media and Role of Central Board of Film Certification" organized by NCW in collaboration with the Maharashtra State Commission for Women in Mumbai on 24th Feb, 2014.

Approved

(Action:- Admn)

Agenda Item No.4: Approval of the budget and report for the Regional level seminar on "Elimination of all forms of Violence against Women" held during 25th November, 2013 to 10th December, 2013, by the AP State Commission for Women in Hyderabad.

Approved

(Action:- Admn)

Agenda Item No.5: Approval of the budget and report for the National level Seminar on "Problems & safety of Female Indian Migrant Workers" organized during 20th - 21st June, 2014, by the Kerala Women's Commission in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

Approved. The Commission also decided to send the Report of the subject study to the Government:

(Action:- Admn)

Agenda Item No.6: Approval of the budget and report for a Study on "Discrimination and Derogatory Practices against Women by Khap Panchayats, Kangaroo courts and Shailshi courts in India", conducted by Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi.


Approved. The Commission also decided to send the Report of the subject study to the Government.

(Action:- Admn)

Agenda Item No.7: Payment of service tax @ 12.36% on lease rent on the office premises.

Approved

(Action:- Admn)



Agenda Item No.8: Filing of review petition in the matter of Anresh Kumar versus State of Bihar and Anr. (SLP (Cr) NO 9127 of 2013).

Approved

(Action:- Legal Cell)

Agenda Item No.9: Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Bill, 2013-Development of a formula for minimum compensation to surrogate mother.

The Commission decided to deliberate on the proposed compensation payable to the surrogate mother for further refinement and amendments and to conduct a consultation for this purpose.

(Action:- Admn)

Agenda Item No.10: Approval of the budget and the study period of the proposal "The Condition of Women engaged in Agriculture and allied activities in Tamil Nadu with special reference to Vellore Dist." received from Thendral Movement, Vellore.

Approved

(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No.11: Approval of the budget and the study period of the proposal "Socio-Economic Status of Women of Denotified & Nomadic Communities in Delhi" received from Sarthak, Delhi.

Approved

(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No.12: Approval of the budget of the proposal on "Status of women electronic media journalists in Karnataka" received from School of Communication, Manipal, Karnataka.

Approved

(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No.13: Approval of the budget of the proposal "Women facing constraints at workplaces: An analysis of the service sector in Delhi region" received from IIPA, New Delhi.

Approved

(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No.14: Approval of the budget and the study period of the proposal "Women Land Rights in Kerala with Special Focus on Marginalized Communities" received from IMEG, Kerala.

Approved

(Action:- R&S Cell)



Agenda Item No.15: Release of Funds to organization for Diaspora Initiatives, New Delhi for organization Seminar on "India and its Diaspora: A comparative Perspective" held on 29th & 30th March, 2013 at India International Centre, New Delhi.

Approved with the directive that this approval should not be treated as a precedent.

(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No.16: Gender Sensitivity Study in selected Government Departments.

Approved

(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No.17: Interactive meeting of Chairperson with Women at Sunderbans, West Bengal, organized by Smt. Mira Dey, B.M. Foundation, West Bengal.

The Commission directed that payments be made to B.M. Foundation, West Bengal.

(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No.18: Approval of Legal Awareness Programme to Mahila Kalyan Samiti Punjab.

Rectification permitted.

(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No.19: Approval of Study report on "Acid Attacks: A study of underlying causes of acid attacks against women in India and nature of State response" and release of balance payment of Rs. 1,01,000/- to Faculty of Law, University of Delhi.

Approved – M (CWK) further recommended that there should be a ban on retail sale of acid.

(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No.20: Ratification of the Minutes of the Screening Committee meetings held during 2012-13 and 2013-14.

Ratified

(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No.21: Approval to conduct the study on "Devdasi Pratha"

Commission approved the study with the amendment that the title of the study should be "Exploitation of women as Devadasis and its associated evils".

(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No. 22: Approval of report of the study on "Effectiveness of Women Welfare Schemes implemented in IT/ITES" sector Karnataka and release of balance payment Rs. 1,53,090/- to R.V College, Bangalore.

Approved

(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No.23: Approval of the Study report on "The Condition of Women Workers in Handicraft Sector in Southern Part of Rajasthan" and release of balance payment of Rs. 45,780/- to Centre of the Study of values, Udaipur, Rajasthan.

Approved

(Action:- R&S Cell)

✓ **Agenda Item No.24:** Proposals for LAP, PMLA, Seminars / Workshops and studies approved in the screening Committee meeting held on 9th July, 2014 in the conference hall of the Commission.

Approved

(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No.25: Ratification of release of fund to Maharaja Agrasen College, University of Delhi, Delhi regarding Regional Seminar on "Gender relations in developing societies: A 21st century perspective" held on 30th & 31st October, 2012 at New Delhi.

Ratified with the rider that this ratification should not be treated as a precedent. It was directed further that the institute be requested to furnish a complete report on the outcomes of the seminar to the Commission.

(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No.26: Approval of the Report on the visit of NCW to delegates from the State of Arunachal Pradesh from 5th to 7th June, 2014.

Noted

(Action:- NE Cell)

Agenda Item No.27: Approval for releasing advertisement in the Souvenir brought out by the Indian Women's Press Corps (IWPC).

Commission approved the proposal. The subject matter of the advertisement will be "Role of NCW and its achievements".

(Action:- PR Cell)

Agenda Item No.28: Status of Pendency and Extension of Assistant Programmers working on old Complaints in C&I Cell.

Approved

(Action: - C&I Cell)

Agenda Item No.29: Recommendations for the disposal of complaints in a time bound manner and improvement in the functioning of Complaint and Investigation Cell.

(Action:- C&I Cell)

Approved. M(CWK) recommended that the following sentence be inserted "In case the member concerned considers that a hearing is required during the process of further enquiry" in item 1(v) of the agenda note.

Agenda Item No.30: Approval of Inquiry Reports on Suo- Motu cases.

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- i. To inquire into the alleged incident of:
- a. 'Women kills rapist father'
 - b. 'Air Force Sergeant murdered by wife, her teenage companion.'
 - c. 'Stalked by neighbours' young women ends life.'
- ii. To inquire into the alleged incident of two minor girls being gang raped, hanged from tree in U.P.

Noted

(Action:- Suc-Moto Cell)

Agenda Item No.31: Inquiry Committee report of Harassment at Workplace in New India Insurance Company Ltd. New Delhi.

Noted

(Action:- C&I Cell)

Agenda Item No.32: Inquiry Committee report of alleged abduction sexual exploitation and trafficking of a girl by some anti social elements at Loni, Distt, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

Noted

(Action:- C&I Cell)

Agenda Item No.33: Report of Inquiry Committee to inquire into the alleged incident of abduction and gang rape of a girl by five men and two police personnel.

Noted

(Action:- C&I Cell)

Additional Agenda

Agenda Item No.1: Action Taken Report (PR Cell)

Noted

(Action:- PR Cell)

Agenda Item No.2: Approval of the Report and Budget for the Consultation on Ways and Means to safeguard Women from Cyber Crimes in India" held on 23rd July, 2014 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

Approved

(Action:- Admn)

Agenda Item No.3: Approval of the budget and time period of the proposal on "Socio-Economic Dimension of Deserted / Divorcee Wives in Bihar" by received from Bihar Institute of Economic Studies, Kidwaipiri, Patna.

Approved

(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No.4: Approval of the budget and the study period of the proposal "Women Land Rights in Himachal Pradesh: Impact & Challenges in Himachal Pradesh" received from Sahas Brotherhood uplifting CYWO, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.

Approved.

(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No.5: Approval of the budget and the study period of the proposal "Problems of Rural Women in using ICT towards economic empowerment. A study of rural women living around the IT capital (Bangalore city)" by Dr. V. Keerthi Shekhar, Interface India Development Consultants, Bangalore.

Approved

(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No.6: Situation Analysis of Women and Girls in each State / UT of India – reg.

Deferred.

(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No.7: Approval of the budget and the study period of the proposal "Unwed widows in Mayand: A Case Study" by Dr. Simmy Joseph, People's Initiative, New Delhi.

Approved

(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No. 8: Approval of the budget and the study period of the proposal "Impact of Land Rights, Community Initiatives and Opportunities on Domestic Violence" by Dr. Priyesh C.A., Asst. Prof. Economics, PG & Research Department of Economics, University College, Thiruvanthapuram, Kerala.

Approved

(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No.9: Release of funds to Centre for Women's Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh for organising workshop on 'Gender Awareness' held on 23rd to 29th September, 2013 at Aligarh Muslim University.

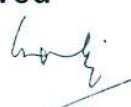
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(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No.10: Approval of the budget and the study period of the proposal "Increasing Domestic Violence against Women through Alcoholism in Rural Andhra Pradesh: The Case of Chittoor District" by Dr. Sunder Ram, Director, AGRASRI, Plot No. 11, Sri Venkata Sai Nilayam, Thummalagunta, SV University Post, Tirupati.

Approved

(Action:- R&S Cell)



Agenda Item No.11: Ratification of the financial approval of Research Studies approved in the Screening Committee meetings held during 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14.

Ratified

(Action:- R&S Cell)

Agenda Item No.12: Inquiry Committee report of alleged rape of a minor girl in school in district Sonapat, Haryana

Noted

(Action:- C&I Cell)

Agenda Item No.13: Approval of the report of Interactive Meeting on Customary Laws; Meeting with Women farmers at Viswema Village; Jail Visit; Informal talks with prominent Naga Women during the visit of delegation of NCW from 9th-12th July, 2014.

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(Action: - NE Cell)

Miscellaneous

Member (HK) & Member (SS) placed the following agenda in the Meeting of the Commission:-

1. Approval of the budget and report of the Seminar on "Women and Development in (Himalayan) Mountain Region: Issues and Concerns" organized by National Commission for Women in collaboration with H.P State Women Commission on 23rd July, 2014 at Hotel Peterhoff, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.

Approved. The balance of Rs. 1,17,952/- however will be released subject to the receipt of Utilization Certificate and other mandatory documents.

(Action: - Admn)

2. Inquiry Committee Report to inquire into Media Report titled "Pipli minor girl raped for three months" at Puri District, Odisha.

Noted

(Action: - C&I Cell)

3. Inquiry Committee Report to inquire into Media Report titled "Murder of a girl student after gang rape" at Balugaon District, Odisha.

Noted

(Action: - C&I Cell)

4. Report of Jail Visit of Member (HK) to Pratapgarh District Jail, Rajasthan on 14.02.2014.

Noted

(Action: - Legal Cell)

5. Report of Jail Visit of Member (HK) to Silvassa Sub Jail, Rajasthan on 29.06.2014.

Noted

(Action: - Legal Cell)

6. Report of Jail Visit of Member (SS) at Gulbarga Central Jail, Karnataka on 6.07.2014.

Noted

(Action: - Legal Cell)

7. Approval of the extension up to 45 days for submission of the final Report of Expert Committee on "Violence against Women of Minority Community of India".

Extesion permitted for 45 days with effect from 26th July, 2014.

(Action: - Admn)

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



(Dr. Nandita Chatterjee)
Member Secretary, NCW

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(Mamta Sharma)
Chairperson, NCW

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