

Minutes of the Commission's Meeting held on 27.03.2014 at 1300 hrs in the  
Conference Hall of the National Commission for Women, New Delhi

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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. Dr. Nandita Chatterjee	Member Secretary

Leave of absence was granted to Member, Ms. Laldingiani Sailo.

In attendance were:

1. Smt. Sunita H. Khurana	Joint Secretary
2. Shri S K Gupta	Under Secretary
3. Smt. Sudha Choudhary	Law Officer
4. Shri Sukhchain Singh	Public Relation Officer
5. Smt. Richa Ojha	Sr. Research Officer
6. Shri Jawahari Singh	Sr. Research Consultant
7. Smt. Arti Chawla	Coordinator
8. Smt. Kanchan Khatter	Coordinator
9. Smt. Lilabati	Coordinator
10. Shri Devendra Choubey	Coordinator
11. Ms. Suman	Coordinator
12. Smt. Anita Papreja	Coordinator

At the outset, Member Secretary welcomed the Chairperson and all Members present in 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 (a):** Confirmation of the Minutes of the Commission's meeting held on 4.2.2014.

Confirmed

**Agenda Item No.1 b):** Confirmation of the Minutes of the Special Commission's meeting held on 6.3.2014.

Confirmed

**Agenda Item No.2:** Action Taken Report.

The Action Taken Reports on the decisions taken in the Commission's meeting/ special meeting held on 04.02.2014 and 06.03.2014 respectively were noted by the Commission.

**Agenda Item No.3:** A Study on Discriminative and Derogatory Practices against Women by Khap Panchayats, Kangaroo Courts and Shalishi Adalats in India.

**Ratified** the award of the study to Jamia Millia University, New Delhi. The Commission further **ratified** the estimated budget of Rs. 5,44,425/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Forty Four Thousands and Four Hundred Twenty Five only) on the above study by Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi.

(Action: - Admn)



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**Agenda Item No.4:** Implementation of MoU between National Commission for Women and HUDCO regarding construction of Shelter Home at Vrindavan- reg.

Law Officer, NCW informed that NBCC has forwarded a proposal for structural study of the building by IIT, Delhi at a cost of Rs. 4,16,000/-. The Commission agreed that the structural study be made by IIT, Delhi. The Commission further directed that NBCC and HUDCO be approached for providing necessary funds to IIT Delhi for the purpose of the study.

**(Action: - Legal Cell/Admn)**

**Agenda Item No.5:** Recommendation on implementation of "Child Marriage Laws in India".

The Commission considered the recommendations with minor amendments in point no. 1 of the recommendations, namely, that in the first line of point 1, **after the word void, "Under PCMA 2006 which will have overriding effect"** should be added.

**(Action: - Legal Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.6:** Study on "Conditions of Women in Jails of Chhattisgarh State" by Abhiyan.

The Commission **noted** that the report had been submitted after a period of three years. The quality of the report was not satisfactory. The Commission decided that the accounts on this matter be closed after release of the balance amount of Rs. 83,000/- .

**(Action: - Legal Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.7:(a):-** Report of National Consultation on "Prohibition of Atrocities against Women by Dehumanizing and Stigmatizing them in Public" held on 27-28 Feb, 2014 at Jaipur, Rajasthan.

The Commission decided to constitute a Committee comprising M(CWK), M(HK), M(SS), Justice Mr. V.S Dave and a representative from Ministry of Law, Government of India, to examine the proposed draft bill that was placed before the Commission. Law Officer, NCW will be the convenor of this Committee.

**(Action: - Legal Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.7(b):-** Budget approval for the National Consultation on Prohibition of Atrocities against women by Dehumanizing and Stigmatizing them in public held on 27-28 Feb, 2014 at Jaipur, Rajasthan.

An expenditure of Rs. 9,46,420/- towards the above consultation was approved by the Commission.

**(Action: - Legal Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.8:** Report by Department Related Parliament Standing Committee on HRD on the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Amendment Bill, 2012.

**Noted**

**(Action: - Legal Cell)**

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**Agenda Item No.9:** Report of the National Conference on "Dalit Women: Voices for their Rights and Challenges".

**Approved**

**(Action: - Legal Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.10:** MoU between National Commission for Women and NTPC.

**Approved**

**(Action: - Legal Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.11:** Capacity Building of Judicial and Police Officials on Proper Implementation and Women related Laws.

**Ratified**

**(Action: - Legal Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.12:** Conference of State Women Commission held on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

**Approved**

**(Action: - Legal Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.13:** Regional Seminar on Voice of the voiceless: Muslim women-challenges and solutions at Hyderabad on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.

M(SS) was requested to re-draft the report and submit the same for approval of the Commission. The expenditure of Rs.4,37,170/- and an additional expenditure of Rs.23,065/- was **approved** for adjustment and sanction respectively.

**(Action: - R&S Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.14:** Report of the 2 day Workshop/ Consultation on Capacity Building and Empowerment of Girls to combat trafficking through Govt. Schemes especially SABLA and UJJAWALA and to deliberate on constraints on their effective implementation held on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2014.

The Commission **approved** the recommendations of the above consultation to be sent to MOWCD.

**(Action: - R&S Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.15:** Study on "Effectiveness of Law Enforcement Machinery and Legal measures meant to provide Justice to Women to make an effort to identify probable yawning gaps in implementation in Chandrapur district" sponsored to Saraswati Shikshan Mahila, Chandrapur, Maharashtra.

**Deferred.**

**(Action: - R&S Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.16:** Extension of project of 'Violence Free Home – A Women's Right' for the year 2014-15 -reg.

**Approved**

**(Action: - R&S Cell)**

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**Agenda Item No.17:** Approval of the budget for study on "Reaching the Unreached: Status of Children of Mothers serving jail in Odisha" submitted by Vijaya, 417, Sahidnagar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751007.

**Approved**

**(Action: - R&S Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.16:** Details of organizations approved for studies from whom Interim Reports etc. are awaited.

The Commission **approved** the proposal to initiate actions for black listing the listed organizations.

**(Action: - R&S Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.19:** Details of organisations from whom UC / Payment Expenditures, reports, etc are awaited since 2006 - 2007.

The Commission **approved** the proposal. In the case of State Commission for Women from North East, however, the unspent balance of funds released for earlier programmes will be adjusted against future releases for any purpose.

**(Action: - R&S Cell/ NE Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.20:** Approval of the budget and the study period of the proposal "Knowledge and Awareness of the Urban Empowered Women towards their Legal Rights" received from Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, Uttarakhand Open University, Nanital, Uttarakhand.

**Approved**

**(Action: - R&S Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.21:** Approval of the budget and the study period of the proposal "Socio-Economic Condition of Tribal Female Headed Marginal and Small Farm Households in Jhabua and Banswara Districts to identify an Appropriate Strategy for their Empowerment: A Comparative Study" received from Indian Society for Applied Research and Development, Delhi.

**Approved**

**(Action: - R&S Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.22:** National consultation on "Positive portrayal of women of the media and role of CBFC" held on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2014 at Mumbai, Maharashtra.

The Commission **took cognizance** of the report.

**(Action: - R&S Cell)**

**Agenda Item No.23:** Ex-post facto approval for payment of Audit fees for the Audit of Accounts for the financial year 2012-13.

**Approved**

**(Action: - PAO)**

Agenda Item No.24: Advertisement in the Souvenir of India world Foundation advance payments-regarding.

Approved

(Action: - PR Cell)

Agenda Item No.25: Publishing of half-page advertisement on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 on international women's Day.

Ratified

(Action: - PR Cell)

Agenda Item No.26: AV Campaign on Lok Sabha TV from 15-02-2014 to 16-03-14.

Ratified

(Action: - PR Cell)

Agenda Item No.27: The Report of the Expert Committee on Laws Relating to NRI Marriages and Their Impact on Women.

Approved

(Action: - NRI Cell)

Agenda Item No. 28: National Policy for Domestic Workers.

The Commission **noted** the proposal.

(Action: - NRI Cell)

Agenda Item No.29: Categories of Complaints.

The Commission **approved** the Proposal.

(Action: - C&I Cell)

Agenda Item No.30: Visit of National Commission for Women to Manipur, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> January, 2014.

Noted and ratified.

(Action: - North East Cell)

Agenda Item No.31: Budget allocation/ Utilization—NE Cell in 2013-14 Activities to be undertaken.

Ratified

(Action: - North East Cell)

Agenda Item No.32: Legal Awareness Camps/ Seminars organised by State Commissions for Women in NE States.

Ratified

(Action: - North East Cell)

Agenda Item No.33: Strengthening of North East Cell.

Deferred

(Action: - North East Cell)

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**Agenda Item No.34:** Approval of Inquiry Reports on Suo-Moto cases.

Noted

(Action: - Suo-Moto Cell)

**Agenda Item No.35:** Inquiry Committee report of alleged sexual harassment at NIFT, Bhopal.

Noted

(Action: - C&I Cell)

**Agenda Item No.36:** Report of Jail Visit of Member (NSP) to District Chandrapur Jail, Maharashtra on 26<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2013.

Noted

(Action: - Legal Cell)

**Agenda Item No.37:** Report of Jail Visit Member (NSP) to Model Central Jail (Women Cell) Kanda, Himachal Pradesh on 5<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2014.

Noted

(Action: - Legal Cell)

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

**(Dr. Nandita Chatterjee)**  
Member Secretary, NCW

**(Mamta Sharma)**  
Chairperson, NCW