

F. No. 4-133/2014-NCW (Vol – II)

National Commission for Women  
No. 4, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg,

New Delhi – 110002

Subject: - Minutes of the meeting of the Commission held on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 at 1630 Hrs in the Chamber of Chairperson of the Commission.

**The meeting was attended by:**

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| 1. Lalitha Kumaramangalam  | Chairperson      |
| 2. Smt. Shamina Shafiq     | Member           |
| 3. Smt. Laldingliari Sailo | Member           |
| 4. Dr. Nandita Chatterjee  | Member Secretary |

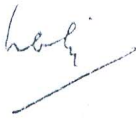
**In attendance were:**

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| 1. Richa Ojha,     | Sr. Research Officer |
| 2. Sudha Chaudhary | Law Officer          |
| 3. Anshika Vajpeye | Coordinator          |

Member (HK) was granted leave of absence.

The Commission decided as follows: -

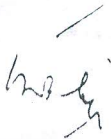
- (i) Although certain studies had been conducted earlier on the subject of Devdasis with the support of the Commission, considering the passage of time it is felt that there is a need to study the present conditions of Devdasis and hence the Commission has been interacting with such institutions such as University of Madras to obtain an updated study report in this regard. The institution may be pursued to submit their proposal by an early date.



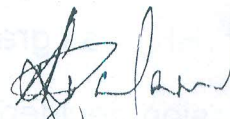
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- (ii) The Commission proposes to conduct expert consultations on the subject and also with concerned organisations such as NHRC and NCPCR on the subject. The Commission expects that such studies and consultations will enable the Commission to prepare an updated report within one year of initiation of the same. If necessary, the concerned State Commissions of Women will be consulted.
- (iii) The Commission also desired that a earmarked coordinator be involved through all the proceedings so that the outcomes are clearly recorded and documented in this matter.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



(Dr. N. Chatterjee)  
Member Secretary



(Lalitha Kumaramangalam)  
Chairperson