

**Minutes of the 129<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting held on 28.04.2008 at  
09.30 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Commission**

*The following attended the meeting :*

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| 1. | Dr.Girija Vyas         | Chairperson      |
| 2. | Ms.Yasmeen Abrar       | Member           |
| 3. | Ms.Malini Bhattacharya | Member           |
| 4. | Ms.Neeva Konwar        | Member           |
| 5. | Ms.Nirmala Venkatesh   | Member           |
| 6. | Ms.Manju S.Hembrom     | Member           |
| 7. | Shri S. Chatterjee     | Member-Secretary |

*In attendance were :*

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| 1. | Ms.Vijaya Moorthy      | Joint Secretary        |
| 2. | Smt.Kusum Mishra       | Deputy Secretary       |
| 3. | Abdus Salam            | Under Secretary        |
| 4. | Sh.Yogesh Mehta        | Law Officer            |
| 5. | Sh.S.C.Kaushik         | Pay & Accounts Officer |
| 6. | Ms.Kareena B.Thengamam | P.R.O                  |

*The Chairperson welcomed all the Members and officials of the Commission as this was the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Commission after her re-nomination as Chairperson.*

*She congratulated Prof.Malini Bhattacharya on her appointment as Chairperson of West Bengal State Commission for Women and re-called*

*the valuable contributions, made by Prof.Bhattacharya during her tenure as Member, NCW. She wished her well and indicated that her association with the National Commission for women would continue.*

*Prof.Malini Bhattacharya thanked all officials and shared her experience in NCW. She emphasized on functional and infrastructural autonomy of NCW and expressed her concern about the plight of the staff working in this Commission for many years as their services are yet to be regularized.*

**Item No.1.            Leave of Absence.**

Nil. All Members were present.

**Item No.2.            Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on01.04.2008**

Confirmed.

**Item No.3.            ATR will be placed in the next meeting.**

Nil.

**Item No.4.            Report on implementation of the domestic violence Act 2005.**

Approved.

**(Action : Legal Cell)**

**Item No.5.            Expenditure incurred on the International Women's Day On 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2007 - National Seminar on Mentally ill women**

Approved.

**(Action : Legal Cell)**

**Item No.6. Expenditure incurred on the National Seminar on (Mentally ill Women – Is destitution, the only Answer ? On 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2007.**

Approved.

(Action : Legal Cell)

**Item No.7. Expenditure on conference on acid attacks at Bangalore held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2008.**

Approved.

(Action : Legal Cell)

**Item No.8. Expenditure on workshop at Chandigarh on PWDV ACT on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2007.**

Approved.

(Action : Legal Cell)

**Item No.9. Expenditure incurred the National Consultation on Trafficking held on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2007 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.**

Approved.

(Action : Legal Cell)

**Item No.10. Report of a Research Study on “Obstacles and Entrepreneurial Challenges for Women in India” conducted by Indian Society for Integrated Women and Child Development, New Delhi.**

Approved. .

(Action : R & S Cell)

**Item No.11. Report of State Level Seminar on “Status of Tribal Women in Mayurbhanj” organized by Haraparbati Club, Mayurbhanj, Orissa on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2007.**

Approved.

(Aciton : R & S Cell)

**Item No.12. Report on Public Hearing on “The Problems of Women Labourers Affected by Bhopal Gas Tragedy” organized by Arpan Welfare Society, Bhopal (MP) on 14.02.2007.**

Approved.

(Aciton : R & S Cell)

**Item No.13. Report of State Level Seminar on “Human Rights Education for Women Scavengers” organized by St.Joseph Educational Trust, Thiruchirapalli Distt, Tamilnadu on 3-7 January, 2007.**

Approved.

(Action : R & S Cell)

**Item No.14. Report on Public Hearing on “Social Awareness Among Fisher Women and Women Labour” organized by SANKALP, Puri, Orissa on 16.04.2007.**

Approved.

(Action : R & S Cell)

**Item No.15. Report on State Level Workshop on “Women in Panchayats” organized by Organization for Social and Economic Progression, Puri, Orissa on 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2006.**

Approved.

(Action : R & S Cell)

**Item No.16. Report on Public Hearing on “Development of Women in Rural Areas – Health and Economic Status” organized by Indian Public Welfare Society, Lucknow, (UP) on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2007**

Approved.

(Action : R &S Cell)

**Item No.17. Report on National Seminar on “Women and Migration” organized by Centre for Women’s Development Studies, New Delhi on 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2007 at New Delhi.**

Approved.

(Action : R & S Cell)

**Item No.18. Report on 4 Public Hearings in Murshidabad and one each in North 24 Pargana and Nadia District on “Trafficking of Women and Girl Child, Child Marriage, and Dowry System” organized by JABALA Action Research Organization, Kolkata (WB).**

Approved.

(Aciton : R & S Cell)

NB : CP desired that a Committee shall be constituted to go through the above Reports and recommend whether to publish them or not.

**Item No.19.                    Revision of Emoluments of Daily Wage Staff.**

Approved. It will be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2008.

**(Action : Admin.)**

**Item No.20.    National Consultation on Surrogacy and ART**

The name of the following experts on the above subject was approved :-

1.    *Ms.Sarojini or one representative from SAMA.*
2.    *Ms.Imrana Qadir, former Professor of Centre for Social Medicine, JNU.*
3.    *Ms.Indu Agnihotri, CWDS.*
4.    *Sh.Mohan Rao, Professor, Centre for Social Medicine, JNU.*
5.    *Ms.T.Rajlakshmi, Journalist, Front Line.*

*Some representatives from ICMR shall also be included.*

**(Action : Legal Cell)**

**Item No.21.    Any other with the approval of Chair.**

It was decided during the meeting that reimbursement of telephone charges may be allowed to Shri V.Chidambaram, PS to CP keeping in view the nature of duties performed by him.

**(Action : Administration)**

*The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.*