

F. No. 1/6/2006-NCW (Admn.)

National Commission for Women

**Sub.: Minutes of the Commission's Meeting held on 28th September 2007
in the Conference Hall of NCW**

The following attended the meeting :-

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| 1. | Dr. Girija Vyas | Chairperson |
| 2. | Smt. Yasmeen Abrar | Member |
| 3. | Smt. Malini Bhattacharya | Member |
| 4. | Sh.S.Chatterjee | Member Secretary |

In attendance were :-

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| 1. | Ms.Vijaya Moorthy | Joint Secretary |
| 2. | Shri Yogesh Mehta | Law Officer |
| 3. | Shri S.K. Nanda | Sr. Research Officer |
| 4. | Shri S.K. Jain | PAO |
| 5. | Sh.Abdus Salam | Under Secretary |

Item NO. 1 **Leave of absence.**

Leave of absence was granted to Ms.Manju S. Hembrom, Member, Ms.Neeva Konwar, Member Ms. Nirmala Venkatesh, Member.

It was agreed upon that Members should plan their tour programmes in such a way that their presence is ensured in Commission's Meeting.

(Action : Admn.)

Item No.2. **Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 02.08.07.**

Confirmed.

(Action : Admn.)

Item No.3. **ATRs for the last four meetings of the Commission were placed in the last meeting held on 02.08.2007.**
Noted.

(Action : Admn.)

Item No.4.: **Report on the PNDT Inspection Committee tour to Bongaon, North 24 Parganas on 08.09.2007. (Received from M(MB).**

Approved. The comments of M(MB) would be sent to Ministry of Home Affairs.

(Action : Legal Cell)

Item No.5. **Judgement of Madurai bench of the High Court in the matter of Ms.G.K.Kavitha Vs.Union of India and Others in Writ Petition No.2949 of 2004. (Received from Legal Cell)**

It was decided that a lawyer would be engaged to finalize the issue. The subject would again be discussed in the next Commission's Meeting.

(Action : Legal Cell)

Item No.6. **Agenda Note for NCW meeting to be held on 28.09.2007 : Preparation of draft Agricultural Policy for Women. (Received from M(MB).**

Relevant files on the subject would be put up. If need be, one or two more names would be included in the already existing Expert Committee. The Expert Committee meeting would be convened soon.

(Action : R&S Cell)

Item No.7. **Report on the Research Study on "Status of Tribal Women in Scheduled Area of Rajasthan" conducted by Samajik Sashaktikaran Evam Sodh Sansthan, Jaipur. Received from R&S Cell).**

A letter to be addressed to the organization to firm up concrete recommendations, which could be implementable, after which the balance payment would be released.

(Action : R&S Cell)

Item No.8. **Report on State Level Seminar on "The Condition of Women in Handicraft/Weaving Sector in Patna and adjoining areas" held on 11th June, 2007 at Patna organized by Ambpali**

Hastkargha Avam Hastshilp Vikas Swavlambi Sahyog Samiti, Patna, (Bihar). (Received from R&S Cell).

Noted. Balance payment to be released.

(Action : R&S Cell)

Item No.9. **Report on Study on Domestic Workers and Role of Placement Agencies. Received from Legal Cell)**

The recommendations are to be examined by the Commission in a meeting in which the officers of the Delhi Government who are responsible for implementing the guidelines are to be summoned.

(Action : Legal Cell)

Item No.10. **Special leave petition in the Supreme Court. (Received from Legal Cell)**

The stand of the Commission would be to press the State Governments to constitute Mahila Desks, where these are not in existence and to increase more Mahila Desks, where these already exist.

(Action : Legal Cell)

Item No.11. **Matters relating to Investigation of Offences concerning missing persons, unnatural deaths etc. (Received from Legal Cell)**

A workshop is to be held on this subject. A preparatory meeting is to be held either on 10th or 11th October, 2007 to discuss this issue wherein Retd. Judges, Retired Police DG and NGOs are to be associated.

(Action : Legal Cell)

Item No.12. **Report on study of Mental Health Act, 1997. (Received from Legal Cell)**

Report to be uploaded on the website of NCW. 150 copies of the report to be printed. Balance payment to be released.

(Action : Legal Cell)

Item No.13. **Alleged misuse of Section 498A IPC (Received from Legal Cell)**

The comments of NCW would be that” 498-A is a very effective Law and it should not be diluted”. Accordingly, an appropriate reply to be sent to Ministry of Women & Child Development.

(Action : Legal Cell)

Item No.14. **Visit to Nari Niketan, Karnal Haryana. (Received from Legal Cell)**

Summons may be issued to the concerned authorities who had not acted upon the report.

(Action : C&I Cell)

Item No.15. **Additional posts of Counsellors.**

Approved.

(Action : Admn.)

Item No.16. **Report on Sarita Garg, Doctor, ESI Hospital.**

Report approved. Letters from Chairperson would be addressed to the concerned authorities as per the recommendation made in the report.

(Action :C&I Cell)

Item No.17. Engagement of Research Assistants for revised/updated version of “ Meera Didi Se Poocho”.

It was approved to engage two Research Assistants with a fees of Rs.7,000/- each and also Rs.3000/- each as typing assistance. They would also prepare the syllabus for organizing the Legal Awareness programme, as decided in the Screening Committee meeting held on 27.09.2007.

(Action : Admn.)

**Chairperson
National Commission for Women**