

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COMMISSION HELD ON  
29.2.2000

The meeting started at 10.05 hrs. Those Present were:

- Smt. Vibha Parathasarathi      Chairperson, NCW
- Dr. S.S Hameed                      Member
- Smt. Vijay Daksh                    Member
- Smt. Poornima Advani            Member
- Smt. Binoo Sen                      Member Secretary
- Smt. Leena Mehendale            Joint Secretary

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

AGENDA ITEM NO.1

**Sub: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 13.1.2000**

The Minutes were confirmed with three (3) typographical corrections as below:

- i) Agenda item 5C                    - if it is a singal.....
- ii) Agenda item 15                    - Member (V. Daksh) gave a brief.....
- iii) Agenda item 22(2)                - which would end on 31.3.2000

AGENDA ITEM NO.2

**Sub: Action taken report for the period May to December 1999**

It was agreed that all pending items for action need to be expedited. Specially the following were discussed:

- i) Item 6/9<sup>th</sup> June 1999 – Prof. Sushila Kaushik to be invited for discussion.

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- ii) Item No.4/18th August 1999 – Jarkhand report (1&3) – to be followed up.
- iii) Item 10/18<sup>th</sup> August 1999 – All concerned to suggest names within 2 weeks for our panel of resource persons.
- iv) Item 13/October 1999 – Karvi and Chapra reports – a copy signed in original by all Members to be kept with Administration.

*At this stage, the new member Smt. Anusuiya Uike joined and the Chairperson extended a warm welcome to her.*

### AGENDA ITEM NO 3

**Sub: Sexual harassment of a girl of 8<sup>th</sup> standard in Navodaya Vidyalaya, Tripura, by the Principal of the school**

It was agreed that

1. Navodaya Vidyalaya authorities should be asked to take departmental action against Mr. Tewari and the warden of the hostel.
2. It was informally learnt by M.S that NVA has recently issued an order for maintaining a register in which girl students have to register their date of “periods”. It was decided to call a copy of this, as prima facie the concept is derogatory to the dignity of women.
3. As per the order of the court, one more DNA test needs to be carried out for which the samples must be taken in presence of the representative of State Commission. This should be followed up.

### AGENDA ITEM NO.4

**Sub: Announcement by Chief Minister, Haryana for exemption from registration fee for transfer of land by sister to brother – issue of protest by NCW.**

The Commission perused the order of the Govt. of Haryana to all the Dy. Commissioners, issued on 20.10.99 regarding Release Instruments for

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lands and was of the opinion that the same order was not objectionable. However, the advertisements, issued by the Govt. of Haryana sometime back regarding the achievements of the Govt. of Haryana, headed by Shri Chautala, spoke about how the Govt. had facilitated the release of land by female members in favour of male members of the family. This advertisement was objectionable and should be once again examined thoroughly and Commission's response to be prepared for communicating to the Govt. of Haryana.

It was also decided that a study should be got done, for example, through the Women's State Centre in Chandigarh, in Dec., 2000, to find out how the said order was actually used and what was the gender disaggregation analysis of the users of this order, during the first year of the passing of the order.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

**Sub: Performance Budget for the year 2000-2001**

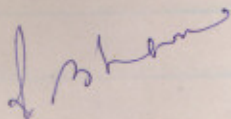
The information submitted by PAO to DWCD was noted and approved.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.6**

**Sub: Laying of NCW Enquiry committee Reports before the Parliament and State Legislature under Section 10(1) (b) of the NCW Act, 1990 read with Sections 10(2) and 10(3) interpretation given by the Deptt. of Women & Child Development: consideration of.**

The view of the DWCD is not agreed to by the Commission. Member (P. Advani) and J.S should discuss this issue informally with the Law Ministry and come up with further recommendations regarding the view of DWCD.

Separately, we should expedite the Govt. of Orissa and Tamil Nadu for laying the NCW's report in the case of Ms. Anjana Mishra and Ms. Chitra respectively before the respective assemblies





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AGENDA ITEM NO.7

**Sub: Norms for TA/DA to be given to Members of the Expert Committee, Members of the Inquiry Committee, and participants in other conferences/seminars etc.**

It was decided that whenever any Expert Committee is set up and outsider members are invited to join the Inquiry Committee, then they should be given the same travel facilities (Executive Class Air Ticket etc.), as all other Members of the Inquiry Committee.

*At this stage, the new member Smt. K. Santha Reddy joined and the Chairperson extended a warm welcome to her.*

AGENDA ITEM NO.8

**Sub: The Pondicherry Women's Commission Bill 1999 - Prior approval of.**

The Commission recommends that the Pondicherry State Women Commission may consist of one Chairperson and two full time Members, and at least one, out of these three, should be a woman belonging to Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe. The Commission may also have two part time Members.

AGENDA ITEM NO.9

**Sub: Minutes of the MMM Core Committee meeting held on 5.1.2000 at Ms. Nirmala Deshpande's residence.**

The minutes of the MMM Core Committee held on 5.1.2000 as circulated in agenda notes were approved.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10

**Sub: Inquiry Committee on Harassment of Women Corporators at Bhopal, MP - Report of the Committee for adoption.**

The report was approved and adopted by the Commission.

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A copy of the same report, signed in original, by all the Members should be kept with Administration. Usual follow up to be done.

#### AGENDA ITEM NO.11

**Sub: Proposal for a Study of young girls in Hyderabad being sold to old men mainly from the Gulf countries.**

It was agreed that such a study is needed. However, a proposal has to come from a competent and concerned NGO, and will have to go through the Screening Committee of NCW and other formalities.

#### AGENDA ITEM NO.12

**Sub: Proposal to recommend increase in maintenance allowance under Section 125 of Cr.PC.**

The proposal was approved. It should be followed up further with DWCD.

#### AGENDA ITEM NO.13

**Sub: Amendments to the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929.**

The note of M.S dated 17.12.99 containing the outcome of the discussions, as circulated in the Agenda note, were approved by the Commission and the same may be communicated to NHRC.

#### AGENDA ITEM NO.14

**Sub: Compulsory Registration of Marriages**

The Commission re-affirmed that there should be a Compulsory Registration of Marriage. This matter should be followed up with DWCD.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO.15**

**Sub: Enhancement of remuneration to Ms. Seema Bhatia and Ms. Chandra.**

It was agreed to enhance the remuneration to Ms. Seema Bhatia (w.e.f. 1.12.97) with the condition that this approval will be without prejudice to the stand taken by the Commission in the court, namely, that the contract stands expired w.e.f 31.12.98, but for the "status quo" granted against the Commission's order by the High Court. This condition should also be included in the order of salary enhancement of Ms. Seema Bhatia.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.16**

**Sub: Any other items with the approval of Chair.**

- A No one is able to explain the logo of NCW. The Commission felt the needs to be revised and necessary action should be started. The present Logo should continue till the finalisation of new Logo.
- B The sitting arrangements on the Dias in any formal function should be as per seniority to the extent possible/required. On informal occasions or in hurriedly arranged meetings, formal sitting hierarchy may not be adhered to.
- C The gains and gaps of the visit of the Commission to Hyderabad, Chennai and Pondicherry were discussed and noted for the future.
- D Regarding re-distribution of work, the Chairperson invited suggestions within 4 weeks. She emphasised that the choice of issues to be taken up, should be an informed choice.
- E Regarding Screening Committees, the Chairperson invited the choices of the Members.
- F Regarding orientation of Members and the staff, it was decided to draw up the structure giving the time frame and contents and expected norms of functioning.
- G It was decided to write to DWCD that the view of NCW need to be included in preparing a govt. report on PFA in Beijing conference and hence, DWCD should arrange for a meeting with NCW at the earliest.
- H The preparations for 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2000 were discussed.
- The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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