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AGENDA TOGETHER WITH THE AGENDA-NOTES FOR THE THIRD MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN TO BE HELD ON THE 8TH JULY, 1992

Item No.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting.

Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting is solicited.

Item No.2: To take note of the Gazette Notification relating to the National Commission for Women (Allowances payable to co-opted Members) Rules, 1992.

A copy of the Gazette Notification dated the 21st February, 1992 is annexed (Annexure-I). These rules regulate the allowances payable to coopted members for attending meetings of Committees.

Item No.3: To take note of the appointment of Ms.

Annie Prasad as Member Secretary to the

Commission and appreciation of the services
of Ms. Uma Pillai, outgoing MemberSecretary

A copy of the Gazette Notification dated the 29th May, 1992 regarding the appointment of Ms.Annie Prasad as Member Secretary is annexed (Annexure-II). The outgoing Member-Secretary, Ms.Uma Pillai, rendered valuable services to the Commission during the critical period of initial 4 months after the setting up of the Commission. The Commission may consider placing on record their appreciation of the commendable work done by Ms.Uma Pillai.

- Item No.4: Action-Taken on the decisions taker previous meeting.
 - (i) Suggestion to amend the relevant rule that the meetings of the Commission man held bi-monthly instead of every month.

It was decided that the status quo sh be maintained and as such rules were not amended.

(ii) Question of according status to Chairperson and Members of the Commission

This is being pursued with the Governmen

(iii) Formal proposal for manctioning 4 more c for the Commission.

The proposal stands referred to

Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) and

presently under their consideration.

(iv) Appointment of the Commissioner for Women Rights - Reference from the Department Women and Child Development

(v) Setting up of Committees, coopting exper for the Committees, setting up of Adviso Councils - Guidelines of the subject.

Action has been initiated to constitute thundermentioned Committees:-

(a) Committees to study "Guardiansh: laws" and "Custody and Maintenance" Ms. Padma Seth will be associate with this Committee.

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- (b) Committee to study "Child rape"- Ms. Monika Das will be associated with this Committee.
- (c) Committee to study "Women undertrials" Ms. B.Senapati and Ms. Ganga Potai will be associated with this Committee.
- (d) Committee to study "Economic Status vis-a-vis status of women - Ms. Subhashini Ali will be associated with this Committee.
- (vi)The Commission to approach the Information \S Broadcasting Ministry and the Ministry of Human Resource Development for media/communication facilities.

A proposal for setting up of a multi-media unit in the Commission itself was under consideration. This proposal has recently been dropped and consequently, a reference to the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and the Ministry of HRD will be made shortly.

Item No. 5 Recruitment in respect of officers and staff of the Commission.

It is learnt that the problems regarding posting of Government personnel in National Commission for Women are being sorted out by the Department of Women & Child Development and staff may be available in the near future. Meanwhile, ad-hoc arrangements are being continued to maintain a skeleton staff for urgent work.

Item No. 6: | Annual Report and audit report to be laid before Parliament.

In view of the provisions of Section 13 and Section 14 of National Commission for Women Act and the draft National Commission for Women (Finance, Accounts and Audit) Rules, the Annual Report together with Audit Report for the year 1991-92 is to be sent to the Central Government (Department of Women & Child Development) in July

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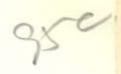
1973. The Annual Papert is and Audit Report year 1992-73 will be due for sending to Governm 1994. the Commission may like to consider the of material for Annual Report 1791-92 and Pl Action for 1992-93.

Item To 7: Ms. Veena Verma Private Member's "Itled "The Married Women (Protection Rights) Bill, 1988" introduced Parliament in March, 1989".

Ms. Veena Verma his approached Commission with a request for supporting the Bil and when a reference is made by the Ministry of II. Resource Development for the Commission's comments the Bill. The Bill seeks to give a married we equal share/rights to all the properties acquired the family after the marriage. This is consideration of the Commission.

Item No.8: Mrs. Mary Roy's Wealth Tax case consideration of.

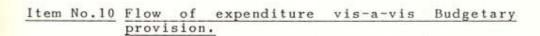
Ms. Mary Roy. a Syrian Christian, he carlier approached the Commission for taking up he case relating to harassment by the health lax Office and her representation was forwarded to the Ministe of Finance for sympathetic consideration. In the present reference Ms. Roy has requested the Commission to intervene in the matter and to implead itself in her proposed petition before the Chairman, Central



Board of Direct Taxes against the demand note of the Wealth Tax Officer. This is for consideration of the Commission.

Item No.9: Categories of isolated posts required to be created taking into account the priority and thrust areas to be identified - Members' suggestions regarding the categories of posts needed.

The list appended at Annexure- (1) may be considered.



For 1992-93, we have received the first instalment of grants in aid amounting to Rs.16.70 lakhs from the Department of Women & Child Development. The unspent balance from 1991-92 was Rs.10.14 lakhs. Against the total amount of Rs.26.84 lakhs, we have so far incurred an expenditure of Rs.16.94 lakhs. We have already written to the Department of Women and Child Development for the release of the 2nd instalment of the grants.

Item No.11 Requirement of additional space for the NCW in the first floor of the building - execution of the revised lease-deed for the purpose.

It is foreseen that the Commission would require additional space when the 23 sanctioned posts

and isolated posts vide item No. 9
and filled in. This apart, we
space for a conference room, monito
computer installed), a media cell, a
We have, therefore, secured allotmen
on the 1st floor of ICCW Building.
completed, we will get the chambers
1st floor.

Item No.12: Setting up a Complain

In order to deal with to of complaints received from women's or individuals, a special cell may Suggestions on the subject from Me discussed by the Commission before fir taken.

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Item No.13: State Level Commissions being set-up by State Governments

The State Government of West Bengal and Kerala are considering the setting up of State Level Commissions for Women. The Bills relating to these State Commissions, are appended (Annexure-W) for information of the Members. The implications of the constitution of State Level Commissions, relationship of NCW with such Commissions and other related matters may be considered by the Commission.

Item No.14: Registration of voluntary bodies working for women, with NCW

In the Bill for setting up the Kerala Women's Commission, there is a provision to register women's (voluntary) organisations. Since NCW does not have State level offices or other field agencies, the involvement of voluntary organisations will provide the Commission with a network to reach out to farflung areas of the country. The Commission may consider whether registration of V.Os. should be taken up by NCW.

Item No.15: Reference received from Govt. regarding Petition by MPs to the Speaker of Lok Sabha regarding the reported sale of minor girls

The reference from Government and copy of petition are appended Annexure- V for information.

One made by Smt. Shyamala Pappa vu an Advocate, is to amend the penal laws to make sale or any mode of removing minor children from the custody of

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parents/guardian to be punishable and to pl loopholes in the relevant laws. A note in the is added to Annexure-VI. There is also another of view that this matter should be dealt with Minorities Commission (since the matter pe mainly to children of a minority community).

The Commission may consider the rebe sent to the Government on the reference recei

Item No.16: Notes prepared by Members for placed before the Commission.

Notes received from the Member appended at Annexure- III for consideration of Commission.

Item No.17: Any other items with the permissi the Chairperson.