

## **NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**

### **MINUTES OF THE 241<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2024.**

#### **Present:**

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| 1. Ms. Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar | Chairperson      |
| 2. Ms. Delina Khongdup         | Member           |
| 3. Ms. Mamta Kumari            | Member           |
| 4. Ms Archana Majumdar         | Member           |
| 5. Ms Meenakshi Negi           | Member Secretary |

#### **Also Present:**

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| 1. Ms. Shivani Dey     | Deputy Secretary               |
| 2. Ms. Shivani Tomar   | Under Secretary                |
| 3. Ms. Shalini Rastogi | Under Secretary                |
| 4. Shri Ashok Kumar    | Pay & Accounts Officer         |
| 5. Shri Ashutosh Pande | Under Secretary                |
| 6. Shri Manmohan Verma | Law Officer                    |
| 7. Shri S S Senapati   | Senior Research Officer        |
| 8. Shri Parag Rohtagi  | Assistant Law Officer          |
| 9. Ms. Kanchan Khattar | Sr. Coordinator                |
| 10. Ms. M. Lilabati    | Sr. Coordinator (C&I/AHTC/WSA) |
| 11. Ms. Debalina       | Counselor                      |
| 12. Shri Atul Sinha    | Sr. Programmer                 |

The Member Secretary welcomed the newly nominated Hon'ble Chairperson, Ms. Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar ; National Commission for Women and the new member Ms. Archana Majumdar to the 241<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Commission along with other members. Member Secretary with the permission of the chair presented Ad seriatim the Agenda Items of the Meeting.

#### **Agenda Item No. 241/I/1:**

#### **Minutes of the 240<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024.**

The Minutes of the 240<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission held on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 were circulated to all concerned. As no comments were received, the same were affirmed by the Commission.

**Agenda Item No. 241/I/2:**

**Action Taken Report on the items of 240<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission held on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2024**

Action Taken Report on the Minutes of 240<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Commission held on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 were explained one by one by the Member Secretary and were noted by the Commission.

**Agenda Item No. 241/I/3:**

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Commission held on 06<sup>th</sup> August 2024.**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Commission held on 06<sup>th</sup> August 2024 were affirmed by the Commission

**Agenda Item No. 241/I/4:**

**Action Taken Report on the items of the Special Meeting of the Commission held on 06<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Commission held on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 was noted by the Commission.

**Agenda Item No. 241/I/5:**

**Seminar Proposals (NER) for "Women in Unorganized Sector" on F.Y. 2024-25.**

The Commission deliberated and accorded:

- a. Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction for organizing 6 seminars with an expenditure of **Rs.11,84,499/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety- Nine only)** for the year 2024-25
- b. Approval for Releasing an amount of **Rs.5,92,250/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Ninety- Two Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty only)** as 1<sup>st</sup> installment after receipt of requisite documents from the Grantee Organization.

**Agenda Item No. 241/I/6:**

**Seminar Proposal for: "Empowering Women: Combating Substance Abuse in Northeast India"**

The Commission deliberated and accorded ex-post facto approval as under:

- a. Administrative Approval and expenditure sanction for Seven Programmes with a total expenditure of **Rs.12,58,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand only)**.
- b. Releasing an amount of **Rs.6,29,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Twenty -Nine Thousand only)** as 1<sup>st</sup> installment to the Seven State Women Commissions in the North Eastern Region.

**Agenda Item No. 241/I/7:**

**Nature Guide Training: Empowering Women and Elevating Ecotourism in Northeast India**

The Commission deliberated and accorded :

- a. Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction for conducting 6-Day Nature Guide Training in 7 North Eastern States with an approximate total budget of **Rs.42,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Only)**.
- b. Approval for Releasing an approximate amount of **Rs.21,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs only)** as 1st installment to the Seven State Women Commissions in the North Eastern Region.

**Agenda Item No. 241/I/8:**

**Gender Sensitization Workshop for Police Personnel in collaboration with State Police Academies/ Training Institutes and Police Dept.**

The Commission deliberated the matter and accorded approval as under:

- a. Conducting One Day Gender Sensitization Workshop for Police Personnel in collaboration with State Police Academies/ Training Institutes and Police Dept across the country.
- b. Sanctioning Rs.1,50,000/- and Rs.2,50,000/- for 200 and 300 participant respectively per Workshop to each collaborative Institute and releasing 80% of sanctioned amount as 1<sup>st</sup> Installment, as an advance and the balance amount on receiving the Report/ UC/Bills/Vouchers subject to verification by PAO.
- c. Payment of Honorarium to external resource persons @ Rs.5000/- for each session and TA/DA for economy air fare, 2 tier AC or as per actual for by road travel.
- d. Post facto approval of the 5 programs conducted so far.

**Agenda Item No. 241/I/9:**

**Seminar on Empowering Women in Agriculture : Challenges and Opportunities in collaboration with (VCSG Uttarakhand University of Horticulture & Forestry) –reg.**

The Commission deliberated and accorded approval as under:

- a. Post Facto Administrative approval and expenditure sanction of Rs.6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh only)
- b. Post facto approval to release an amount of Rs.4,50,000/- ( Rupees Four Lakh and Fifty Thousands only) as I<sup>st</sup> Installment for conducting one Seminar through VCSG Uttarakhand University of Horticulture & Forestry, Pauri Garhwal.
- c. Approval to release the balance amount on receiving the Report/UC/Bills/Vouchers subject to verification by PAO.

**Agenda Item No. 241/I/10:**

**Capacity Building Program for Women Farmers and Agri Entrepreneurs in collaboration with different training Institutes/ Universities across the country.**

The Commission deliberated and accorded approval as under :

- a. Conducting Capacity Building Program for Women Farmers and Agri -Entrepreneurs in collaboration with different training Institutes / Agriculture Universities across the country.
- b. Expenditure sanction of Rs.3,00,000/- and Rs.3,75,500/- respectively for 40 and 50 participant per batch to each collaborative Institute and releasing 50% of sanctioned amount as I<sup>st</sup> Installment to the Institute and the balance amount on receiving the Report/ UC/Bills/Vouchers subject to verification by PAO.
- c. Conducting Six 3 day residential programmes in collaboration with different Institutes.

**Agenda Item No. 241/I/11:**

**Training Programmes for District Magistrates and other Senior officials on Women Related Laws in collaboration with LBSNAA**

The Commission deliberated and accorded approval as under:

- a. Conducting 6 batches of 3 day residential training programme of District Magistrates and other senior officials with budget @Rs.20,00,000/- per program.
- b. Ex-post facto Release of Rs.16,00,016/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Sixteen Only) as 1<sup>st</sup> Installment to LBSNAA i.e., 80% of Tentative budget per batch i.e., Rs. 20,00,020/- for conducting 1<sup>st</sup> Batch of training programme for DMs.

**Agenda Item No. 241/I/12:**

**Awareness Programs On “Menace of Drug Abuse In Punjab - Uncovering The Burden on Women” in collaboration with Panjab University, Chandigarh**

The Commission deliberated and accorded approval as under:

- a. Conduct Awareness Programs in the State of Punjab on “Menace of Drug Abuse in Punjab - Uncovering the Burden on Women” in collaboration with Panjab University, Chandigarh, as a pilot initially in 8 districts of Punjab.
- b. Ex post facto approval for financial implication of Rs. 9,08,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Eight Thousand Only) for conducting 1 Stakeholders meeting at Chandigarh and 8 Awareness Programmes in field.

**Agenda Item No. 241/I/13:**

**Research project on Women in Unorganized Sector.**

- a. The Commission deliberated and accorded approval for award of the research study to the selected Institutes for the nine zones based on their combined technical and financial scores. The Institutes are as follows:

| Name of the Zone   | Name of the Institute selected for the Zone having highest Composite Score |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| North Eastern Zone | Indian Institute of Management Indore                                      |
| Northern Zone - 1  | Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs                                      |
| Northern Zone -2   | Indian Institute of Management Indore                                      |
| Northern Zone - 3  | Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs                                      |
| Central Zone       | M.P. Institute of Social Science Research                                  |
| Eastern Zone -1    | Institute for Human Development                                            |
| Eastern Zone - 2   | Academy of Management Studies                                              |
| Southern Zone -1   | National Institute of Technology, Warangal                                 |
| Southern Zone - 3  | Bharata Mata College (Autonomous)                                          |

- b. It was also decided that there should be room for modification/suggestions on the methodology/sampling etc., in the interest of a more robust study.
- c. Commission also approved re-tendering for Western Zone 1, Western Zone 2, Western Zone 3 and Southern Zone 2.

**Agenda Item No. 241/I/14:**

**Research Project on the theme “Impact assessment of 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Amendments in Indian Constitution: Assessing the Role of Women Representatives in PRIs and ULBs”**

- a. The Commission deliberated and accorded approval and award of work for five Zones based on the combined technical and financial scores of the respective institutions as follows:

| Sl. No | Name of the Institutions                         | Name of the Zone       |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 01     | National Institute of Technology (NIT) Warangal  | Southern Zone – 1      |
| 02     | Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Indore      | North Eastern Zone - 1 |
| 03     | Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) | Northern Zone - 2      |
| 04     | Centre for Good Governance                       | Southern Zone - 2      |
| 05     | Centre for Good Governance                       | Central Zone           |

- b. It was also decided that there should be room for modification/suggestions on the methodology/sampling etc., in the interest of a more robust study.  
c. Commission also approved retendering in the remaining seven Zones.

**Agenda Item No. 241/I/15:**

**Seminar Proposals (FY. 2024-25) on the theme “Women in Unorganized Sector” ( Non-NER)**

The Commission deliberated and accorded

- a. Approval for 12 proposals received from different Institutions/Organization for conducting Seminars (Non- NER) for the F.Y. 2024-25 on the theme “Women in Unorganized Sector”.  
b. Expenditure sanction of Rs **Rs.24, 94,499/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Nine Only)** for the 12 Seminars for F.Y. 2024-25.  
c. Approval for Release of **Rs.12,47,249/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Forty Nine Only)**, as first Installment ( 50% of the total cost).

**Agenda Item No. 241/II/1**

**Progressive Expenditure incurred for the year 2024-25 and Unspent Balance for the year 2024-25.**

The Commission noted the Budget allocation for the year 2024-25, expenditure incurred during the financial year 2024-25 till 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 and unspent balance for the year 2024-25 as on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.

**Agenda Item No. 241/II/2**

**Monthly Report – C&I cell during July, 2024 to September, 2024**

The Commission noted the monthly progress report (from July, 2024 to September, 2024 ) in respect of Complaints & investigations in the Commission.

The Chairperson directed that the number of hearings must be increased and directed that this may be communicated to all the members.

**Agenda Item No. 241T/1**

**Maintenance and Tech Support of NCW Helpline Platform, NCW Website, NCW Stay Safe App (Audit Platform – Web and Mobile) and NCW Her Legal Guide (Mobile App and CMC)**

The Commission deliberated and accorded approval for :

- a. Sanctioning an amount of **Rs. 2,61,55,000/- (Two Corers and Sixty-One Lakhs and Fifty-Five Thousand only)** for Maintenance and technical support for the NCW Helpline Platform, NCW Website, NCW Stay Safe (Audit Platform – Web and Mobile), and NCW Her Legal Guide (Mobile App and CMC) for 2 years
- b. Payment of **Rs. 62,27,000/- (Rupees Sixty-Two Lakhs and Twenty-Seven Thousand only)** towards payment of 50% of year 1 cost to Digital India Corporation under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

**Miscellaneous Agenda Item:**

The Chairperson while appreciating the work of the Commission covering a wide variety of topics gave the following direction:

1. The theme for the calendar 2025 and Foundation Day 2025 will be based on the life of Ahilya Bai Holkar.
2. It was decided that monthly news letter requires modification in terms of content and besides the work of the Commission it should also highlight, special work being done on women related issues by other agencies.
3. HCP desired that the Commission should try to explore seeking additional funds for its programs from other Ministries and departments which have schemes for capacity building, providing financial assistance etc. LO agreed to coordinate on behalf of the Commission.
4. Arunima magazine to be published monthly starting from the month of Jan, 2025.

  
( Meenakshi Negi )  
Member Secretary

  
(Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar)  
Chairperson

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