

Minutes of the Meeting of the Commission held on 5th OCTOBER, 2007

A meeting was convened on the 5th of October , where the following were present:

Dr Shantha Sinha; chairperson
Smt Sandhya Bajaj; Member
Smt Dipa Dixit; Member
Ms Shalini Prasad; Member- Secretary

1. **Agenda item I:** Brief presentation of tour reports by members: CP informed the commission about her tour to Banaskantha with regard to child labour on cotton farms. She said that no children were visible, but they were obviously employed as during her discussions with the farmers they admitted this and assured her that they would not employ children from next year.
2. CP also felt that a public hearing in Delhi on this issue would be a good idea.
3. Member (SB) informed about her visit to Punjab. She held discussions with the Chief Justice (Punjab & Haryana) and Principal Secretary Punjab regarding the workshop on female foeticide. The CJ has agreed to attend the function. She also held discussions on the large number of vacancies in JJ Boards.
4. Member (SB) also informed about her visit to Dongri, based on the news item in DNA newspaper that there were 35 children above the age of 18. However, the news was found to be untrue.
5. Member (DD) informed about her visits to Himachal Pradesh and AP. She said that the tour note for HP was ready and would be sent soon. She also said that a letter had been sent to the CS based on the public hearing in the cotton seed committee.
6. Member (DD) also informed that the report of the JJ committee would be ready in 3 months. The report would be ready by 15th January and be discussed by the end of January. This would be followed by a stakeholder consultation at the end of February

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7. **Agenda item 2:** division of work among members: On the subject of juvenile justice, it was agreed that policy matters would be looked after by Member (DD), while monitoring issues would be handled by Member (SB).
8. **Agenda item 3:** Approval of revised scheme for engagement of consultants. The scheme which had been revised as per the last meeting discussions was submitted for approval and was approved.
9. **Agenda item 4:** Approval of programme for National consultations on "Rights of Children under Six Years- for a legal framework". In New Delhi on 8th and 9th of October, 2007: The programme and budget was approved.
10. **Agenda item 6:** Reimbursement of mobile phone bills for officers and staff of NCPCR. The proposal to fix the limits for reimbursement for officers and staff at the following rates was approved:
 - Officers (Groups A and B) Rs 800 pm
 - Staff (Group B and C) Rs 350 pm
11. **Agenda item 7:** It was agreed that we would advertise for empanelment of a media consultant for undertaking the tasks of producing a newsletter, holding media sensitization workshops, monitoring infringements on JJ Act in reporting by the media and for the development of a media plan.
12. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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**AGENDA FOR MEETING OF COMMISSION
(5th OCTOBER, 2007)**

1. Brief presentation of tour reports by members
2. Discussion on the division of work among members
3. Approval of revised scheme for engagement of consultants
4. Approval of programme for National consultations on "Rights of Children under Six Years- for a legal framework". In New Delhi on 8th and 9th of October, 2007
5. Review of status of complaints
6. Reimbursement of mobile phone bills for officers and staff of NCPCR
7. Any other item with approval of the Chair