

## **MINUTES of the 32nd Statutory Meeting of the Commission held on 4th July, 2017 in the Conference Room (5th floor) of NCPCR, Chanderlok Building, Janpath, New Delhi.**

The 32nd Statutory Meeting of the Commission was held on 04.07.2017 in the Conference Room (5<sup>th</sup> floor) of NCPCR. The following were present:

Ms. Stuti Kacker, Chairperson  
Shri Yashwant Jain, Member  
Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Member  
Ms. Rupa Kapoor, Member  
Smt. Geeta Narayan, Member Secretary  
Shri Baldev Raj, Sr. Consultant (Estt. & Coord.)  
Shri G. Suresh, Assistant Director  
Shri Santosh Kumar Pal, Accounts Officer

The meeting commenced with a welcome note and brief introductory remarks by the Chairperson.

### **Confirmation of the Minutes of 31st Statutory Meeting of the Commission held on 01.02.2017.**

The Chairperson informed that the Minutes of the 31st Statutory Meeting of the Commission were treated as confirmed as no comments were received in this regard.

### **Action Taken Reports on the decisions taken in the 31<sup>st</sup> Statutory Meeting of the Commission held on 01.02.2017:**

The Chairperson informed that the ATRs of 31<sup>st</sup> Statutory Meeting including the items carried forward from the 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Statutory Meetings of the Commission were reviewed on file by her; and 91 items have been identified on which action is pending. She directed that the pending items should be disposed off by the concerned officials with the approval of concerned Member / Chairperson as the case may be (Detailed discussion minuted at Agenda Item No.42) within three months.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **AGENDA ITEMS PROPOSED BY MEMBER (CHILD HEALTH) - SMT. RUPA KAPOOR:**

##### **Agenda 1: Annual Action Plan for the year 2017-18:**

Member (Child Health) placed before the Commission the Annual Action Plan for the year 2017-18, outlining the estimated budget [*Annexure-'A' – Page 59–60 of the Agenda*]

***Decision: Action Plan of Child Health as proposed by the Member was approved by the Commission subject to availability of funds***

***[Action: Member (RK)]***



**Agenda 2: Protocols for fact finding on the basis of nature of complaints:**

At times, it has been observed that in certain complaints it is difficult to bring the case to a logical conclusion in the absence of facts. Therefore, it is suggested that NCPDR may create fact finding team and its protocols. This may comprise of internal and external Members/Experts.

***Decision:*** *The Commission agreed to the proposal. It was decided that a fact finding team may be constituted which may comprise of one person from Grievances Cell, one from Child Health and one outside expert if required. In this regard, concept note on composition and functioning of the proposed team would be prepared by Member (RK) and then the team will be constituted by the Administration Division.*

**[Action: Member (RK)]**

**Agenda 3: Revival of Sexual Harassment Committee at the Commission:**

The Sexual Harassment Committee needs to be revived as some of the Members of the said Committee have since left.

***Decision:*** *It was decided that the Complaints Committee of NCPDR for Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace may be reconstituted immediately.*

**[Action: MS]**

**Agenda 4: Installing CCTV Cameras:**

Member (RK) suggested that CCTV cameras should be reinstalled at NCPDR keeping in view safety of Members and staff, mainly female staff, as they are dealing with serious nature of grievances. It has been noticed that extra duties assigned to the staff on weekends and on gazetted holidays can put them at risk in the absence of such security measures.

***Decision:*** *MS was asked to take action as per latest Government Orders / MHA policy.*

**[Action: MS]**

**Agenda 5: Protocols for Media reporting:**

A protocol for media reporting may be developed in the Commission. The information given to media should be sent with proper approval of the concerned Member and Chairperson.

***Decision:*** *It was decided that the Members should give inputs to media restricted to their subject area only. However, details of overarching issues should be conveyed to the Chairperson before giving it to media. No Press Release should be given to media without the approval of Chairperson and Media Cell should be briefed accordingly.*

**[Action: All Members / MS / Advisor (Media)]**

**Agenda 6: Resource Centre at the Commission:**

NCPDR can act as a central 'Resource Centre' on various areas of the Commission with all the material, publications, documents, journals to be retained in a systematic way at one place in the Commission. This can also be linked on our website.

***Decision:*** *The setting up of the "Resource Centre" was agreed to. Its access policy would be worked out. It was decided that a resource person should be appointed for this purpose.*

**[Action: MS]**



**Agenda 7: E-library for children:**

To make children aware of their rights and entitlements, the laws relating to child rights & events on child rights across the states, an e-learning platform may be made available on our website.

**Decision:** *The proposal was approved by the Commission. It was decided that NCPCR should make a 'Child Friendly Corner' on its existing website. The website of NCPCR should be improved and made more attractive.*

**[Action: Member (RK) / MS]**

**Agenda 8: Small video on NCPCR:**

To give orientation on NCPCR and its work, it will be helpful if the Commission could develop a short video (English and Hindi) on NCPCR and its mandate and activities. This will be used for our awareness programmes, workshops and seminars.

**Decision:** *This proposal was agreed to by the Commission.*

**[Action: Member (RK) / MS]**

**Agenda 9: Children's Fest on International Children's Day - 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2017:**

For a grand celebration of International Children's Day 2017, Children's fest could be organised for 2-3 days. Focus would be on children in need of care and protection. Concept Note will be prepared by the team 'Child Health/Psychology'. A team from the Commission would take up the execution of the said programme.

**Decision:** *The Commission approved this proposal. Member (RK) was asked to prepare a Concept Note at the earliest.*

**[Action: Member (RK)]**

**Agenda 10: Performance Appraisal Policy:**

Existing policy of Performance Appraisal of Sr. Consultants / Consultants & Technical Experts, may be circulated to the Members for their views / comments.

**Decision:** *MS was asked to go through the old files regarding Performance Appraisal Policy in NCPCR and submit a fresh proposal.*

**[Action: MS]**

**Agenda 11: Resources for staff (printer / scanner etc):**

Technical Staff working in Health Division may be provided with all the necessary resources like: printer & scanner to make their work more productive.

**Decision:** *This item was withdrawn by Member (RK) in view of the assurance of MS.*

**Agenda 12: Canteen/cafeteria at NCPCR:**

A canteen/cafeteria may be established at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for the convenience of the staff of NCPCR as well as the visitors.

**Decision:** *This item was withdrawn by Member (RK).*



**Agenda 13: Other items/Action taken on the issues considered in the earlier meetings, viz.,:**

- (i) Concept of Open House in NCPCR.
- (ii) Additional Staff requirement at Health/Psychology Division.
- (iii) Engagement of Brand Ambassador for NCPCR.
- (iv) Guidelines for conducting Research.
- (v) Guidelines for conducting Public Hearings.

**Decision: The Commission was apprised of the action taken so far on the above issues. These issues are covered in the ATR.**

**[Action: MS / Advisor (Media) / Advisor (G)]**

**Agenda 14: Progress of activities carried out during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the year (2017-18):**

Member (Child Health) placed the progress of activities carried out by her during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of the year (2017-18) before the Commission.

**Decision: This was noted by the Commission.**

**AGENDA ITEMS PROPOSED BY MEMBER (CHILD LABOUR / POCSO / JJ) – SHRI YASHWANT JAIN:**

**Agenda 15: To develop protocols / SOP for reformation and rehabilitation of children under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015:**

As per Model Juvenile Justice 2016, Rule 91, the NCPCR is to develop protocols for reformation and rehabilitation of children. It is proposed that the protocols/SOP for reformation and rehabilitation of children in conflict with law may be prepared with the support of an NGO or an expert.

**Decision: The proposal was approved by the Commission.**

**[Action: Member (YJ)]**

**Agenda 16: Regional / State level meetings / consultations:**

- (i) To hold Regional meetings with all the State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR).
- (ii) Regional meetings with police authorities/other stakeholders on awareness of JJ and POCSO Acts.
- (iii) State level consultation on JJ & POCSO Acts with Judges of Special Courts.
- (iv) Training of Police officials on JJ, POCSO & Child Labour Acts.

**Decision: The Commission approved the proposal. It was decided that focus should be given to North Eastern (NE) States.**

**[Action: Member (YJ)]**

**Agenda 17: District level consultation / orientation workshop:**

To hold District level consultation with police authorities / other stakeholders and community leaders/ Tribes on JJ, POCSO and Child Labour Acts;

**Decision: The Commission approved the proposal. It was decided that focus should be given to North Eastern (NE) States.**

**[Action: Member (YJ)]**



**Agenda 18: To hold two State Level consultations/orientation workshops in Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh within three months for:**

- (i) Orientation on new Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act and Rules;
- (ii) Orientation on The Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976;
- (iii) Implementation of "Action Plan for Abolition for Child Labour";
- (iv) Functioning of SCPCRs, Labour Commission, Revenue Department and CWC etc.;
- (v) Functioning and monitoring of District Task Force on Child Labour;
- (vi) Rehabilitation, compensation and social re-integration of rescued children;
- (vii) Rescue operations on child labour / domestic child labour;
- (viii) Focus on rehabilitating of children and assured jobs to their families under the MGNREGA and various other livelihood schemes.

***Decision: The Commission approved the proposal. It was decided that State level consultations / orientation workshops should be organized on the subject 'Child Labour' along with JJ and POCSO.***

**[Action: Member (YJ)]**

**Agenda 19: To hold two District Level consultations / orientation workshops in Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh within three months for:**

- (i) Orientation on new Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act and Rules;
- (ii) Orientation on The Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976;
- (iii) Implementation of "Action Plan for Abolition for Child Labour";
- (iv) Functioning of Labour Department, Revenue Department and CWC etc.;
- (v) Functioning and monitoring of District Task Force on Child Labour;
- (vi) Action plan at all the three levels, viz., pre-rescue, rescue and after-rescue of the children.

***Decision: The Commission approved the proposal. It was decided that District level consultations / orientation workshops should be organized on the subject 'Child Labour' along with JJ and POCSO.***

**[Action: Member (YJ)]**

**Agenda 20: State level Program on Child Trafficking and Protection of Child oriented issues:**

It is proposed to organize a State level Program on Child Trafficking and Protection of Child oriented issues in Odisha and Chhattisgarh in the 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 2017, in which the Chairperson/Members of Child Welfare Committees/ District Child Protection Units, Juvenile Justice Boards, State Legal Service Authorities and Anti Human Trafficking Units would participate; where the issues of preventive measures and steps taken for prevention of Child Trafficking activities in the concerned States would be discussed.

***Decision: The Commission approved the proposal in principle. It was also decided that a program should be devised for restoration of children in CCIs as 'National Program on Child Restoration'.***

**[Action: Member (YJ)]**

**Agenda 21: Meeting / Program on legal aspects of Anti Child Trafficking issues:**

It is proposed to organize a Meeting / Program on legal aspects of Anti Child Trafficking issues in Assam, Uttrakhand and West Bengal in the month of August, 2017, in which the implication / formulation of legal policies of Child Trafficking issues of the concerned states will be discussed with the State's stakeholders.

***Decision: This proposal was approved by the Commission.***

**[Action: Member (YJ)]**



**Agenda 22: Media Orientation Program / Meeting:**

It is proposed to organize a Media Orientation Program / Meeting for local media, state and national media to discuss their role in the States of Haryana, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh; and responsibility of reporting on child protection and child trafficking issues.

**Decision:** *This proposal was approved by the Commission.*

[Action: Member (YJ) / Advisor (Media)]

**Agenda 23: Requirement of additional staff for JJ & POCSO Units:**

- (i) Urgent requirement of one Sr. Consultant for JJ Unit;
- (ii) Urgent requirement of two Consultants, one each for JJ and POCSO Units;
- (iii) Necessary staff, viz., DEOs & MTS for JJ & POCSO Units as well as for the proposed National Resource Centre;
- (iv) The existing unit for POCSO e-box will require strengthening if cyber complaints are also received in it.

**Decision:** *Member (YJ) suggested urgent requirement of two persons for JJ and one person for POCSO Cell. This proposal was agreed to by the Commission. The said positions should be advertised to invite applications.*

[Action: MS]

**Agenda 24: Proposed Budget for the programmes / activities of POCSO Unit / JJ Unit for the year 2017-18:****Proposed Budget Estimate (BE) for the year 2017-18****Agenda 24 (A):**

Sr. No.	Program / Activity	POCSO Unit	JJ Unit
		(Rupees in Lakhs)	
1	One National Level Workshop/ Seminar / Consultation etc. @ Rs 10.00 lakh each	10.00	10.00
2	4 Consultations at State/ Regional Level @ Rs 5.00 lakh each	20.00	20.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>

**Agenda 24 (B):**

3.	<b>Preparation of IEC Materials:</b>	10.00	10.00
	(i) User Handbook for POCSO (Hindi & English).		
	(ii) Do's & Don't for Safe Use of Internet / Mobile.		
	(iii) Books in Hindi and English regarding general awareness amongst children about the prevention of child sexual abuse.		
	(iv) Preparation and printing of SOP for JJ Act.		
	<b>Grand Total (A + B)</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>40.00</b>

**Decision:** *The Commission approved the proposed programs / activities. However, it was decided that approval for budget may be taken on case to case basis.*

[Action: Member (YJ)]

**Agenda 25: Progress of activities carried out during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the year 2017-18:**

Member (Child Labour / JJ) placed the progress of activities carried out by him during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of the year (2017-18) before the Commission.

**Decision: This was noted by the Commission.**

**[Action: Member (YJ)]**

**Table Item of Member (YJ)**

**An International Program on the issues of Cross Border Trafficking:**

It is proposed to hold an International Program on the issues of Cross Border Trafficking with the dignitaries of Government of India and NCPCR along with the counterpart representatives of Bangladesh and Nepal as also Civil Society members and media persons in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September. The discussion will also include preventive measures, action plans, Memorandum of Understanding to be taken up as integrated issues for creating awareness in the South East Nations.

**Decision: Member (YJ) was requested to prepare the Concept Note on Cross Border Human Trafficking especially along Bangladesh and Nepal borders.**

**[Action: Member (YJ)]**

**AGENDA ITEMS PROPOSED BY MEMBER (EDUCATION) – SHRI PRIYANK KANOONGO:**

**Agenda 26: Annual Work Plan (MHRD) 2017-18:**

Member (Education) placed before the Commission the approved Annual Work Plan (MHRD) for the year 2017-18. **[Annexure-'E' – Page 67–69 of the Agenda]**

**Decision: Annual Work Plan (MHRD) 2017-18 for RTE Division as approved by MHRD, was noted by the Commission**

**[Action: Member (PK)]**

**Agenda 27: Review of education and vocational training of children staying in Child Care Institutions-Children in need of Care & Support:**

The concept note for the study has been prepared and is under consideration of Administrative Division of NCPCR.

**Member Secretary informed that the proposal / concept note is yet to be received from the RTE Section.**

**Decision: Approved in principle. However, the funding will be decided on receipt of the proposal.**

**[Action: Member (PK)]**



**Agenda 28: Review of education and vocational training of children staying in Child Care Institutions-Children in Conflict with Laws:**

The concept note for the study has been prepared and is under consideration of Administrative division of NCPCR.

**Member Secretary informed that the proposal / concept note is yet to be received from the RTE Section.**

**Decision: Approved in principle. However, the funding will be decided on receipt of the proposal.**

**[Action: Member (PK)]**

**Agenda 29: Consultation on Vocational Training for out-of-school adolescent girls in the age-group 15-18 years:**

A consultation with NIPCCD, MHRD, MWCD, M/o Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, NSDC, National Rural & Urban Livelihood Missions, NCVT, PSS Central Institute of Vocational Education, AICTE, CII, FICCI, ASSOCHAM, IGNOU, NUEPA, NITI Aayog, Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad and consulting firms working with concerned stakeholders, will be organized in July, 2017.

**Decision: Approved in principle. However, as regards the funding, the proposal may be moved on file.**

**[Action: Member (PK)]**

**Agenda 30: Devising Pathways for appropriate Repatriation w.r.t. Educational facilities and well-being of children of Displaced Primitive Tribes viz. Bru-Reang Community:**

The proposal for the study has been received from QCI and is under consideration of Administrative Division of NCPCR.

**Member Secretary informed that the proposal has already been approved on file.**

**Decision: This was noted and ratified by the Commission.**

**[Action: Member (PK)]**

**Agenda 31: Reviewing the status of provisions of Section 29 (2) (1) of RTE Act, 2009 in CCIs Ernakulum District at Kochi:**

The proposal for the study has been received from QCI and is under consideration of Administrative Division of NCPCR.

**Decision: Decision on this proposal was deferred.**

**[Action: Member (PK)]**

**Agenda 32: Regulatory Guidelines for Stand-alone Hostels and Residential Facilities of Educational Institutions for children below 18 years:**

Draft guidelines are under process.

**Decision: This was noted by the Commission.**

**[Action: Member (PK)]**





**Agenda 33: A referral handbook for head of schools regarding their roles and responsibilities in implementing RTE Act, 2009 w.r.t. Child Labour Rules, 2016:**

Draft is under process.

***Decision:*** This was noted by the Commission. It was decided that this activity may be completed under RTE Publications budget.

[Action: Member (PK)]

**Agenda 34: Implementation of RTE Act, 2009 in schools in Plantation Areas:**

Phase-wise study will be conducted in North West Bengal, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Assam.

***Decision:*** The proposal was approved by the Commission. It was decided that this activity may be initiated from North East State, i.e., Assam, and the provision of funds may be made from NE Cell budget. The Commission was of the view that this study may also be considered to be conducted in the State of Tripura.

[Action: Member (PK)]

**Agenda 35: Review-cum-consultation meeting on the status of implementation of practices for reducing school bag weight:**

In light of recommendations by CBSE and NCPCR a review-cum-consultation meeting on the status of implementation of practices for reducing school bag weight including different stakeholders, experts and children will be conducted.

***Decision:*** The proposal was approved by the Commission. It was decided that the funds may be utilized from the RTE budget.

[Action: Member (PK)]

**Agenda 36: A Reference Manual for Teachers on implementation of POCSO Act, 2012 in Schools for official engaged in educational activities:**

Given the incidences of child abuse on the school premises, lack of knowledge and awareness of teachers on different provisions of POCSO Act, 2012, it is proposed to prepare a Reference Manual for Teachers on implementation of POCSO Act, 2012 in Schools for official engaged in educational activities.

***Decision:*** The title of this activity was slightly modified as under and approved:

***"A Reference Manual for Teachers and Staff on implementation of POCSO Act, 2012 in educational institutions"***

It was decided to complete this activity in consultation with Member (YJ) and Member (RK). Budget approval would be considered on file.

[Action: Member (PK)]

**Agenda 37: Action taken on the issues raised by Member (Education) in previous meetings:**

- (i) Staffing / Manpower Requirements of RTE and Education Division:
- (ii) Terms and Conditions for engaging NGOs with NCPCR.
- (iii) Long Term Contracts as per CAG.
- (iv) Fresh Entitlements of Consultants

***Decision:*** MS was asked to look into these issues on priority.

[Action: MS / Admn.]



## TABLE ITEMS OF MEMBER (PK)

### **1. Study on Child Abuse and vulnerability of children (safety and security issues) studying in KGBVs, Ashram Schools and NVs**

The study is proposed to be conducted by QCI which is under consideration. The tentative budget as proposed is Rs. 15.52 lakhs.

***Decision: This proposal was approved in principle.***

### **2. Modification in Agenda Item No.36 - Awareness of different stakeholders regarding section 17 of RTE Act, 2009 and Guidelines on eliminating corporal punishment in schools**

The venue for proposed workshops will be – Pune, Bangalore, Jaipur, Allahabad, Dehradun, Patiala, Nahan, Dibrugarh, Bhopal, and Faridabad.

***Decision: This was noted by the Commission. Member (PK) was asked to process this issue on file.***

### **3. Child Rights Mela**

Member (PK) proposed that 3 Child Rights Melas may be organized in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and any one NE State.

***Decision: The proposal was approved in principle. Member (PK) was asked to prepare a Concept Note in this regard.***

### **4. Model framework for effective regulation of fee structure of private schools**

Member (PK) informed that the Commission has been receiving complaints regarding fee hike by schools without following the due procedures and/or schools charging fees under heads/sub-heads without requisite approvals. The schools also go to the extent of discriminating against protesting children causing them mental stress and harassment. Some States have regulated the fee system either by notifying Fee and Fund Regulatory Committee (FFRC) or issuing circulars for implementation of CBSE byelaws etc. To bring uniformity and convergence in efforts to regulate the fee structure of private schools, NCPDR is in process of developing a model framework for effective regulation of fee structure of private schools. It will also include practices from different states currently in place and recommendations from NCPDR. The guidelines will be formed on the basis of best practices of States/UTs regarding fee regulation.

***Decision: This was noted by the Commission. Member (PK) was asked to process this issue on file.***

### **5. A study on creating mechanism to re-engage child labour in the age 11-14 years and develop mechanism and preventive measures for children engaged in e-waste activities.**

Member (PK) proposed to conduct a study creating mechanism to re-engage child labour in the age 11-14 years and develop mechanism and preventive measures for children engaged in e-waste activities.

***Decision: This proposal was approved by the Commission. It was felt that this is an important issue especially when children are engaged in hazardous removal of e-waste. It was decided that this study may be conceptualized in consultation with Member (YJ).***



6. Report of Regional CSR Convention for Strengthening child welfare and child education in NE States including Sikkim.

**Decision:** It was decided to publish 200 copies of this Report, out of which 100 copies to be given to SCPCR, Sikkim. It was also decided to place this report on the website of NCPCR.

7. Report on 93<sup>rd</sup> amendment and the Charter of Recommendation passed in National Consultation for SCPCRs held at Gangtok, Sikkim on 27-28 May, 2017.

**Decision:** It was decided to place this report on the website of NCPCR.

8. Recommendations of NCPCR for Inter-Ministerial Consultation on Education to NITI Aayog.

**Decision:** It was decided to place this report on the website of NCPCR.

9. Draft report on Smart India Hackathon. The solutions may now be shared with the concerned Ministry.

Member (PK) informed the Commission that draft Report on Smart India Hackathon is ready for circulation and follow-up action.

**Decision:** This was noted by the Commission.

10. Circular from Under Secretary, Ministry of Personnel, PG and Pensions.

Member (PK) brought to the notice of the Commission a circular dated 09-12-2016 received from the Ministry of Personnel, PG and Pensions, wherein it was mentioned that M/s Vishal International (who has been awarded the contract of providing manpower to the Commission), has been debarred from participating in the tender process for a period of three years w.e.f. 08-12-2016.

However, in pursuance of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi's Orders in Writ Petition (Civil) No.575/2017, the Ministry of Personnel, PG and Pensions vide its another circular dated 27-01-2017 has withdrawn its circular dated 09-12-2016 insofar as it relates to blacklisting / debarment of M/s. Vishal International.

**Decision:** This was noted by the Commission.

#### OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:

#### **Agenda 38: Guidelines for carrying out Research activities through Civil Society Organizations/Research Institutions/University Departments:**

In pursuance of the decision taken in the 30<sup>th</sup> Statutory Meeting of the Commission held on 26-10-2016, draft guidelines for sponsoring Research Studies by NCPCR were prepared. As per the directions of Chairperson, the draft guidelines had been circulated to Members, NCPCR for their comments.

**The draft guidelines were again placed before the Commission for consideration and approval. However, the Members were of the view that these guidelines need some modifications.**

**Decision:** It was decided that the Members should provide their comments within 10 days so that the guidelines can be finalized.

**[Action: All Members / Sr. CL (Prog.)]**



**Agenda 39: Concept of 'Open House' in NCPCR:**

In the 31<sup>st</sup> Statutory Meeting of the Commission, Member (RK) suggested that the concept of 'Open House' could be introduced in the Commission. The proposal was approved in principle by the Commission. In this regard, Advisor (Grievances) has prepared a Concept Note.

*The Concept Note prepared by Advisor (Grievances) was placed before the Commission for its consideration. However, the Members had some reservations;*

**Decision:** *The Members were requested to provide their comments on the Concept Note within three weeks.*

*[Action: All Members / MS / Advisor (G)]*

**Agenda 40: Allocation of Budget for NCPCR:**

MWCD has approved budget of Rs. 1900.00 lakhs for the F.Y 2017-18, out of which an amount of Rs.427.50 lakhs as 1<sup>st</sup> installment has been released. MHRD has approved budget of Rs.431.00 lakhs, out of which 1st installment of Rs.125 lakhs has been released.

*The details of allocation of budget for NCPCR were placed before the Commission for its consideration and approval (Refer Page 56-57 of the Agenda).*

**Decision:** *This was noted by the Commission.*

**Agenda 41: Approval of Annual Accounts of NCPCR for the financial year 2016-17:**

As per Rule 25 (6) of NCPCR Rules, Statement of Annual Accounts is to be submitted to Audit Office (C&AG) on or before 30-06-2017. Accordingly, the Annual Accounts 2016-17 as prepared and authenticated by CA firm, M/s Ravi Rajan and Company have been submitted to C&AG on 30-06-2017 after approval of Chairperson, NCPCR.

*As per Section 29 of CPCR Act, 2005, Annual Accounts 2016-17 were placed before the Commission for its perusal and approval.*

**Decision:** *The Annual Accounts of NCPCR for the financial year 2016-17 were approved by the Commission. However, it was noticed that an amount of Rs.50,848/- towards TDS for the year 2016-17 has not been deposited in the Government Account. MS was asked to inquire into the matter and ensure that this amount is deposited immediately.*

**Agenda 42: Discussion on pending action taken notes of 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> Statutory Meetings:**

Discussion was held on pending action taken notes of 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> Statutory Meetings. The Chairperson informed that she has reviewed on file the ATRs of 31<sup>st</sup> Statutory Meeting including the items carried forward from 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Meetings of the Commission; and 91 items have been identified on which action is pending **[Annexure-'I' Page 127-144 of the Agenda]**.

**Decision:** *All concerned officials were requested to ensure that the pendency is brought to zero level within three months, and files put up to Chairperson through the concerned Member.*

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

