

**MINUTES OF RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
UNDER CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF SECRETARY, MWCD ON 26.6.2016.**

The meeting was attended by the following:

i) Ms. Leena Nair, Secretary	<i>In Chair</i>
ii) Mrs. Preeti Sudan, Addl. Secretary	Member
iii) Mrs. Nutan Guha Biswas, Addl. Secretary	Member
iv) Mrs. Sarita Mittal JS & FA	Member
v) Mrs. Ratna Anjan Jena, SA	Member
vi) Sh. Chetan B. Sanghi, JS	Member
vii) Sh. J.P. Arya, JD	
viii) Sh. Sudesh Kumar, DD	
ix) Ms. Monika, AD	

Welcoming RAC members, Secretary-cum-Chairperson at the outset rendered her observations on different study proposals brought up in RAC Agenda for consideration that all proposals needed to be re-looked for their sagacity in terms of their objectives and outcomes. Where necessary, the proposals should be strictly asked to be recast for their being well defined domain of coverage, precision and worthy of consideration by the Ministry.

2. Deferring all the proposals, the Chairperson made specific suggestions for compliance as under:

- i) All the proposals should be initially examined by the subject Bureaus before convening RAC meetings.
- ii) Projects already approved by the Ministry should be subjected to mid-term appraisal.
- iii) Bureaus of the Ministry may consider some of the Ministry's schemes for appraisal/ review and evaluations.
- vi) NGOs approaching for funds should invariably be registered on the NGO portal of Niti Aayog.

3. In view of suggestion at point iii) of Para 2 above, RAC recommended for the Bureaus that they could undertake Childline Surveys, Social Auditing and Children in Violence in urban settings etc. It was also strongly felt to have specific studies of the laws to strengthen conditions of rape victims.

4. Further, RAC discussed two proposals and made its comments/suggestions as under:
- i) The study proposal on **“Good Practices” concerning women and children in different States of the Country** submitted by Research Centre for Women’s Studies, S.N.D.T. Women’s University, Mumbai was observed to be too general. The proposal appeared to be mapping many areas thus losing its focus. Research Division of the Ministry should, therefore, get back to the Applicant Agency to delimit the scope of this study and narrowing down its objectives to specific issue. As such, this proposal may be revised by the Agency.
  - ii) RAC also discussed the study proposal on **‘Revitalizing Women through MGNRGS’** submitted by Puducherry State Resource Centre for Women, Puducherry Corporation for the Development of Women and Differently Abled Persons Ltd., Puducherry. Since this proposal was to analyse/evaluate MGNREGS implemented by Ministry of Rural Development, it was suggested that before this proposal is considered by the Ministry, it would be desirable that the concerned Ministry may be requested for comments on this proposal.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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