

F. No. R-17/8/2020-PRP&P
NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
(PRPP Division/ Research Unit-I)


Date: 03/07/2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Committee of Experts on "Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on human rights and future response".

The National Human Rights Commission has decided to constitute a Committee of Experts on "Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on human rights and future response", consisting of the following members:

- i. Dr. K.S. Reddy, President, Public Health Foundation of India
 - ii. Dr. Nimesh G. Desai, Director, Institute of Human Behaviour & Allied Sciences (IHBAS)
 - iii. Dr. Abhay Shukla, National Convener, Jan Swasthya Abhiyan
 - iv. Ms. Maja Daruwala, Special Monitor (Police and Prison Reforms), NHRC
 - v. Mr. Rajive Raturi, Special Monitor (Rights of Persons with Disabilities), NHRC
 - vi. Mr. Himanshu Rath, Founder and Chairman, Agewell Foundation
 - vii. Ms. N.B. Sarojini, Director, SAMA: Resource Group for Women and Health
 - viii. Ms. Enakshi Ganguly, Co-Founder, HAQ: Centre for Child rights
 - ix. Dr. Dipa Sinha, Right to Food Campaign
 - x. Dr. Sandeep Chachra, Executive Director, Action Aid Association
 - xi. Mr. Viraf Mehta, Expert - Business and Human Rights
2. The representatives of the concerned Ministries shall also be associated with the Committee in order to get the first hand information about the steps taken by the Government to deal with the situation.
3. The objectives of the Committee are as under:
- i. To assess the impact of Covid-19 pandemic on human rights of people specially the marginalized and vulnerable sections of the society, and also to suggest the response on the basis of which the Commission would like to issue necessary advisory to the Central and State Governments.
 - ii. To identify the best practices in dealing with the human rights situation in any part of the country or abroad.
 - iii. Any other issue considered relevant for achieving the objectives of the Committee.
4. The Committee will have virtual meetings as and when deemed necessary. The members of the Committee who are not Govt. officials, shall be entitled to an honorarium of Rs.2,000/- (Rupees two thousand) for participating in each meeting.
5. This issues with approval of the Competent Authority.


(Dr. MDS TYAGI)
Joint Director (Research)

To,

All Committee Members listed above.

Copy for Information to:-

- i. PPS to Hon'ble Chairperson.
- ii. PPS to Hon'ble Member (PCP)
- iii. PS to Hon'ble Member (JK)
- iv. PS to Hon'ble Member (DMM)
- v. SG
- vi. Registrar (Law)
- vii. JS (A&R) / JS (P&T)
- viii. DIG (I) / SRO(R) / DD (M&C) / SSA