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To
All the Members of the
National Executive Committee
The Bharat Scouts & Guides

**SUB.:- Minutes of the National Executive Committee Meeting held on 20th
September, 2013 at the Bharat Scouts & Guides, National Headquarters,
New Delhi.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

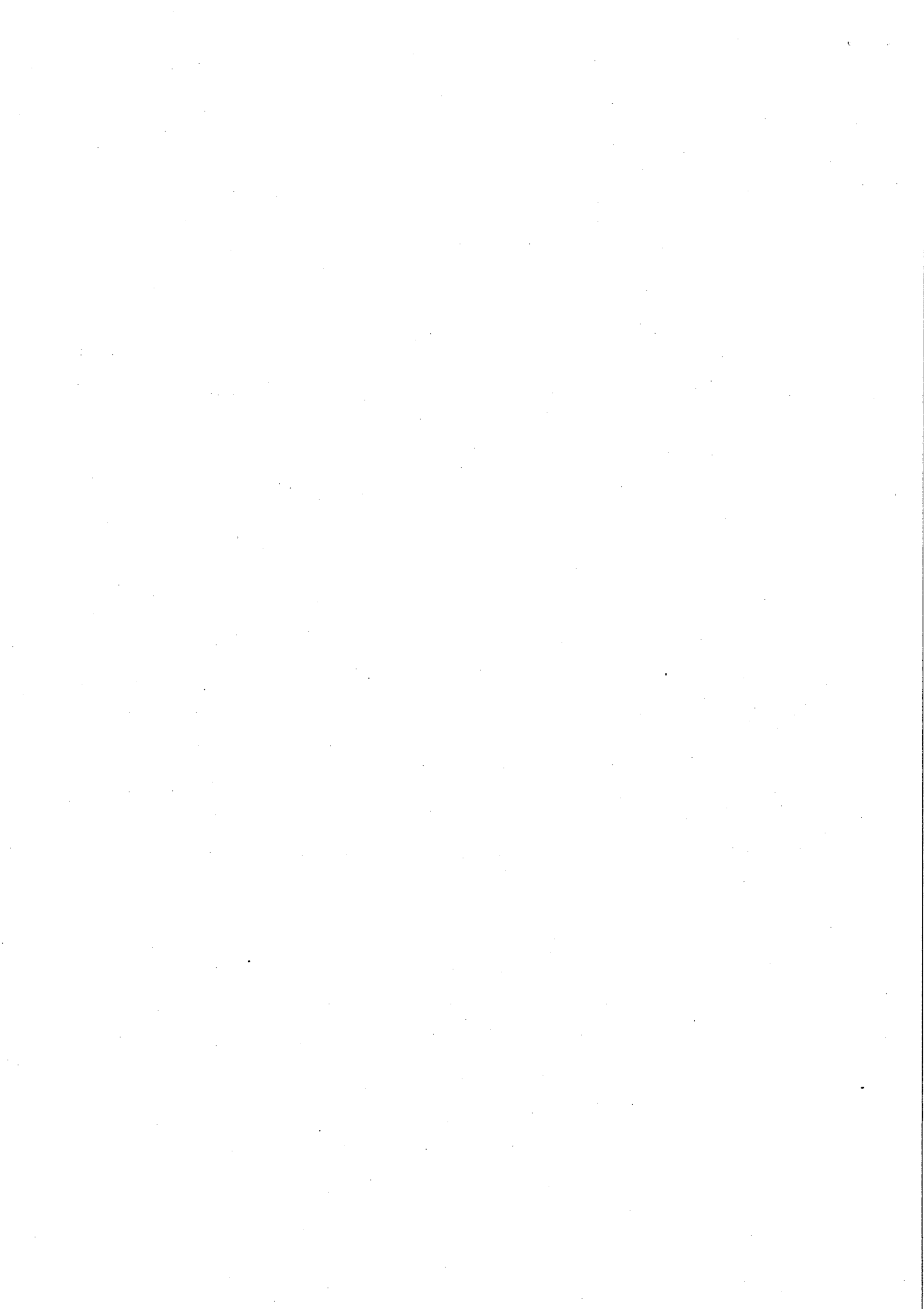
A Meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Bharat Scouts & Guides was held at its National Headquarters, Lakshmi Mazumdar Bhawan, 16, M. G. Marg, I. P. Estate, New Delhi - 110 002 on 20th September, 2013 at 11.00 A. M. . A copy of the Minutes of the same is enclosed herewith for your kind information and necessary action.

Thanking you and with regards,

Yours Sincerely,


(S. S. CHAMOLI)
DIRECTOR

Encl.:- As above.



THE BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, LAKSHMI MAZUMDAR BHAWAN, 16, M. G. MARG, I. P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI-110002.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES HELD AT THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, NEW DELHI ON 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2013 AT 11.00 A.M.

Following Members were present:-

1. Shri L. M. Jain, National Commissioner, Bharat Scouts & Guides - Chairman
2. Dr. K. K. Khandelwal, IAS, Vice President, Bharat Scouts & Guides- Special Invitee
3. Shri Shyamal Kumar Biswas, Chief Commissioner(S), BS&G -Member
4. Dr.(Mrs.) Manik Barsaley, Chief Commissioner(G), BS&G - Member
5. Shri Mahendrabhai M. Patel, International Commissioner(S), BS&G - Member
6. Shri Harish L. Metha, Deputy Chief Commissioner(S), BS&G - Member
7. Shri S. P. Sharma, National Headquarters Commissioner(S), BS&G - Member
8. Smt. Sumita Bhowal, National Headquarters Commissioner(G),BS&G - Member
9. Smt. Purnima Roy, National Headquarters Commissioner(Rangers),BS&G-Member
- 10.Smt. Shobhatai S. Potdukhe, National Headquarters Commissioner(W.R.),
BS&G - Member
11. Shri Ravindra Mohan Kala, National Headquarters Commissioner(N.R.),
BS&G - Member
12. Shri Ibopishak Singh, National Headquarters Commissioner(N.E.R.),
BS&G - Member
13. Shri B. P. Gupta, SOC(S), Arunachal Pradesh State BS&G -Member
14. Shri Rajendra Kumar Sharma, State Secretary, U. T. Chandigarh State
BS&G -Member
15. Shri Ashok Shrivastava, Former SOC(S), N. E. Railway State BS&G - Member
16. Dr. Kamlesh Kumari Jakhar, STC(G), N. V. S. State BS&G - Member
17. Smt. Kamlasini Tiwari, STC(G), N. E. Railway State BS&G - Member
18. Smt. Sandhya Chakraborty, ASC(G), West Bengal State BS&G - Member
19. Smt. Nasreen Khan, SC(G), J & K State bS&G - Member

20. Smt. Sudesh Sharma, Former STC(G), Northern Railway State BS&G - Member
21. Shri Laxmi Kant Shukla, Uttar Pradesh State BS&G - Member
22. Smt. K. Lalliantlunangi, State Secretary, Mizoram State BS&G - Member
23. Smt. Surinder Abrol, Former SOC(G) cum STC(G), Punjab State BS&G- Member
24. Shri N. A. Khan, State Chief Commissioner, J & K State BS&G - Member
25. Shri Brajesh Kumar Ram, SOC(S), S. E. Railway State BS&G - Member
26. Smt. Vidya S. Kage, Maharashtra State BS&G - Member
27. Shri Krishnaswamy R., Offtg. Joint Director(S), BS&G - Member
28. Miss Suman Lata Arora, Joint Director(G) I/C, BS&G - Member
29. Shri M. S. Qureshi, Deputy Director(S), L. T., BS&G, NTC -Member
30. Miss M. N. Machamma, Asstt. Director(G), BS&G, NTC -Spl. Invitee
31. Shri S. S. Chamoli, Director, BS&G - Convenor

Meeting started with prayer.

Apology received from the following members.

1. Shri Prakash Disoriya, SOC(S), Madhya Pradesh State BS&G.
2. Shri M. M. Londe, District Chief Commissioner, Dharwad District, Karnataka State BS&G.

Obituary Reference:

The House was informed that following member had passed away since last meeting of the National Executive Committee

1. Shri Rasiklal M. Shah, Hony. State Treasurer, Gujarat State BS&G & National Executive Committee Member, Bharat Scouts & Guides – passed away.

The House condoled the death and observed one minute silence as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

Welcome

The National Commissioner introduced Shri S. S. Chamoli as the newly appointed Director of Bharat Scouts & Guides. Shri Chamoli welcomed the members to the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO.1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, NEW DELHI ON 05TH JULY, 2013.

Minutes of the last Meeting of the National Executive Committee held at the Bharat Scouts & Guides, National Headquarters, New Delhi on 05th July, 2013 which had already been circulated to the Members were confirmed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: BUSINESS ARISING (ACTION TAKEN REPORT).

The Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the last Meeting of the National Executive Committee held at the Bharat Scouts & Guides, National Headquarters, New Delhi on 05th July, 2013 which had already been circulated to the Members were discussed. Shri Brajesh Kumar Ram, SOC(S), S. E. Railway State Bharat Scouts & Guides asked about the progress of the Enquiry instituted against the two Officers of the Bharat Scouts & Guides, National Headquarters namely Shri Rakesh Kumar Sharma, Joint Director of Scouts(Project) and Smt. Geeta Rawat, Joint Director of Guides(Project). He brought to the notice that letters with the signature of both the Officers of the Bharat Scouts & Guides, were being received by the members of the National Executive Committee along with the attachments such as Office copies of Internal Note Sheet marked to the Director and the National Commissioner, Photocopies of Vouchers, etc. He raised a question that how the office documents are being photocopied and circulated to the members of the National Executive Committee and others and does it not constitute violation of the Staff Service Conduct Rules of the Bharat Scouts & Guides. Action to be taken in this regard should be looked into. National Commissioner stated that the matter is being examined.

Some of the Guide members wanted to have more information about the Charge Sheet issued against the former Joint Director (Guides). National Commissioner desired that the

copies of all Charge Sheets issued against the former Joint Director (Scouts) and the former Joint Director (Guides) be brought and circulated to the members of the National Executive Committee for their perusal and said that their reactions will be heard after the main agenda is finished.

The Action Taken Report of the Minutes of the last Meeting of National Executive Committee held at the Bharat Scouts & Guides, National Headquarters, New Delhi on 05th July, 2013 which had already been circulated to the Members were confirmed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM NO.3: CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2012-2013 FOR FURTHER RECOMMENDATION TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ITS APPROVAL.

The Draft of Annual Report for the year 2012-2013 was discussed. It was informed that reports of many States had not been received. After detailed discussions, it was decided that the Draft of Annual Report for the year 2012-2013 may be finalized with inclusion of reports of remaining States and all the factual data be carefully verified so that no mistakes remain.

The Draft Annual Report for the year 2012-2013 which were circulated to the members was considered and unanimously recommended to the National Council.

AGENDA ITEM NO.4: CONSIDERATION OF THE AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR 2012-2013 AND RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

The Audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year 2012-2013 was presented before the members for consideration and approval. It was accepted as proposed by Shri Ashok Srivastava, Former SOC(S) of N. E. Railway State Bharat Scouts & Guides and seconded by Smt. Surinder Abrol, Former SOC(G) cum STC(G), Punjab State Bharat Scouts & Guides.

AGENDA ITEM NO.5: CONSIDERATION & RECOMMENDATION OF REVISED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2013-2014 & ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2014-2015 FOR APPROVAL OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

The Revised Budget for the year 2013-2014 and Estimated Budget for the year 2014-2015 as considered and recommended to the National Council for further consideration, approval and adoption. This was proposed by Shri Ravindra Mohan Kala, Former State Secretary, Uttarakhand State Bharat Scouts & Guides and seconded by Shri B. P. Gupta, SOC(S), Arunachal Pradesh State Bharat Scouts & Guides.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: FIXATION OF THE DATE OF NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PRESIDENT, BHARAT SCOUTS & GUIDES.

National Commissioner informed the house that the President, Bharat Scouts & Guides has confirmed the date for holding National Council Meeting on 27th November, 2013 at 11.00 A. M. The date intimated by the President, Bharat Scouts & Guides, was approved.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA : ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANT FROM DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS, GOVT. OF INDIA, SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI – CONDITIONS REGARDING.

The National Commissioner informed the house about the letter no. 46-1/2013-NPYAD dated 06th September, 2013 received from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (NPYAD Section), Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi addressed to the National Commissioner, Bharat Scouts & Guides in which the Ministry had informed that the Bharat Scouts & Guides shall be eligible for grant from Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, New Delhi from the year 2013-14 onwards, subject to compliance of the conditions regarding the tenure of office and maximum age limit for holding the office as mentioned in their letter cited above. The matter was

discussed in full detail for consideration and it was decided to recommend to the National Council that the conditions laid down by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports may be accepted as we can not afford to forego the grant. It was noted that provision in the Rules of the National Association, the State Associations and Local/District Associations should be on similar lines as per practice in the past.

It was also decided that a meeting of the Rules Committee be convened at the earliest to propose the actual amendment to each Rule as may be necessary for compliance with the Government of India's directions and the detailed amendments may be put up before the National Council for final approval.

The National Commissioner also instructed the Director to send a letter to all the State Secretaries of State Associations of the Bharat Scouts & Guides informing them of the conditions laid down by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. It is necessary to circulate the information to all the concerned because the similar rules are going to be framed for the National Association, State Associations and the District Associations/Local Associations.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

- (i) The National Commissioner informed the house about the cancellation of the Silver Star Award approved for Shri D. P. Mishra, ASOC(S), Madhya Pradesh State Bharat Scouts & Guides as per the recommendation of the State Secretary, Madhya Pradesh State Bharat Scouts & Guides vide State Headquarters letter no. 1354/2013, dated 30.05. 2013. His name was recommended for Silver Star Award by the Award Committee of the Bharat Scouts & Guides in its meeting held on 12th July, 2012.

The National Commissioner also informed the house about the cancellation of the Silver Star Award of Shri Harish Chandra Srivastava, DOC(S),

Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh State Bharat Scouts & Guides and Former Assistant Director, Bharat Scouts & Guides, Eastern Region due to his controversial behaviour while working on the post and quitting the assignment without submitting all expenditure related papers. His name was recommended for Silver Star Award by the Award Committee of the Bharat Scouts & Guides in its meeting held on 12th July, 2012.

He also informed the house about the recommendation of Shri S. S. Chamoli, Former SOC(S) received from Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan State and marked by the then Director Shri B. K. Bahuguna on 12.07.2010 to Joint Director(SS) but which was not put up for consideration by Award Committee. It appears to be a deliberate case of suppressing the recommendation. After going through the recommendation and the attached papers, and also on the basis of personal appraisal of Shri S. S. Chamoli's work and contribution to Scouting and Guiding in K. V. S. State Bharat Scouts & Guides and in National Headquarters as Deputy Director (B. P.), the National Commissioner has given the Silver Elephant Award Suo Moto to Shri S. S. Chamoli and his name was included in the list of Awardees for the year 2011-2012 for the Rashtrapati Scout/Guide/Rover/Ranger and Adult Leader Award Function held on 09th September, 2013.

- (ii) Shri Shyamal Kumar Biswas raised the issue that he did not receive the invitation for the Rashtrapati Scout/Guide Award Function in time to which the Director informed the details of e-mails and information sent by post to his State Headquarters well before the date of the function. It appeared that Shri Biswas did not attend the function intentionally and was only trying to create an issue for his own reasons.

Shri Biswas also wanted to know the progress of various Renovation/Repair works for B. P. Bhawan in National Training Centre, Pachmarhi which was suggested by a Committee comprising Chief Commissioner(Scouts), Chief Commissioner(Guides) and the Director and Joint Director(Guides) during

their visit in May, 2013. Shri M. S. Qureshi, Deputy Director(S), L. T. gave the details of compliance and said that some work had to be kept pending due to heavy rains, after consultation with the then Director and that there was no delay or shortfall in making compliance.


(iii) Thereafter, the National Commissioner asked the members, especially the Guide members if they still had any thing to say after going through the Charge Sheets issued to both the Officers which contained very serious charges of indiscipline and violations of Staff Service (Conduct) Rules. They all said that after going through these Charge Sheets, especially about police having been called by Smt. Geeta Rawat to the Director's room in the National Headquarters on a purely administrative matter and blatant violation of the National Commissioner's orders regarding deputation of Scout and Guide officials for World Leadership Development Programme(WLDP) training organised by World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) in Denmark, they have nothing to say in the matter and fully supported the action being taken. It was stated that they had raised the issue earlier because full details were not available with them. Shri N. A. Khan felt that with such serious charges against the Officers, they should also have been placed under suspension and strictest possible action be taken against them. This view was echoed by some other members also.

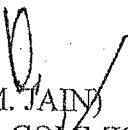
(iv) The National Commissioner also brought to the notice of the members that the Charge Sheeted Officials were being encouraged and helped by Chief Commissioner(Guides) and her staff in Delhi State Headquarters who were getting various letters against the National Commissioner and the National Headquarters prepared in their office and circulated which involved very serious breach of discipline, in order to bring down the image of the National Headquarters. He also informed that the Chief Commissioner(Scouts) had got a long letter issued through his associate Dilip Kumar Saha, seeking various kinds of information under the Right to Information Act and in which about

ten points were regarding International Commissioner(Scouts) without there being any connection or context for doing so. It appeared to be intended to malign the functioning of International Commissioner(Scouts) during the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Conference in Dhaka in November, 2012 in which Shri Shyamal Kumar Biswas lost the election to the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee due to his own shortcomings. Another possible cause could be that both of them having issued appeals for support for the post of National Commissioner falling vacant in November, 2013, Shri Biswas considered Shri Mahendra Bhai Patel as a possible rival and wanted to run him down in this way. National Commissioner stated that he did not appreciate this kind of tactics by the Senior Office Bearers of the Organisation and they should maintain proper decorum in their conduct and behaviour.

All the members of the Committee appreciated these sentiments and together, they proposed to give a standing ovation for the manner in which the National Commissioner has been handling the affairs of the Organisation in a balanced, mature and impartial manner for the last 18 years. All the members stood up to give standing ovation.

Thereafter, the meeting came to an ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


(S. S. CHAMOLI)
DIRECTOR
CONVENOR


(L. M. JAIN)
NATIONAL COMMISSIONER
CHAIRMAN

