

Constitution of Internal Complaints Committees under Sexual Harassment of women at work place under (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal Act, 2013).

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Bill defines sexual harassment at the work place and creates a mechanism for redressal of complaints. It also provides safeguards against false or malicious charges. Every employer is required to constitute an Internal Complaints Committee at each office or branch with 10 or more employees.
- The Complaints Committees have the powers of civil courts for gathering evidence.
- The Complaints Committees are required to provide for conciliation before initiating an inquiry, if requested by the complainant.
- Penalties have been prescribed for employers. Non-compliance with the provisions of the Act shall be punishable with a fine of up to Rs 50,000.

Central Internal Complaints Committee

- 1. Ms. Krishi Sarin, Jr. Consultant (Fashion Design) Presiding Officer
- 2. Dr. Chhavi Yadav, Sr. Faculty (Retail)- Convener
- 3. Ms. Pooja Panwar, Faculty (HR-HQ)
- 4. Mr. Dharmendra Jaiswal, Manager (ITSC)
- 5. Dr. Ranjana Mittal, AGM (RLI), NTPC Dadri -External Member

Brief Member details of ICC comprised at Different Campuses of FDDI are as under:

S.No	Campus	Internal Complaint Committee (ICC)
1	Banur	Presiding Officer - Ms. Aarti Singh (Emp Code- 01006), Sr. Faculty (LGAD)
		Member (Convener) - Ms. Payal Srivastava (Emp Code-00806), Assistant Manager (Library)
		Member- Mr. Amit Puri Goswami (Emp Code- 00295), Dy. Manager (Admin & Pers.)
		External Member - Ms. Mamta Sharma, Advisory Board Member of "Care for Autism Foundation"
2	Chennai	Presiding Officer - Ms. Shabrin Farahana. G (Emp Code-00759), Sr. Faculty (FD)
		Member (Convener) - Ms. Priyadarshini. R (Emp Code-01013), Sr. Faculty (FT)
		Member- Mr. T. Anil (Emp Code- 00401), Assistant Manager (A & F) Member
		External Member- Ms. M.K. Aseena, Advocate
3	Chhindwara	Presiding Officer — Ms. Harshita Chourasia (Emp Code-00561), Assistant Manager (A&F)
		Member (Convener)- Ms. Beena Yadav (Emp Code-00816), Assistant Manager (Library)
		Member- Mr. Manoj Kumar Sharma (Emp Code-00644), Assistant Manager (C & PR)
		External Member- Ms. Saavi Srivastava, Triveni NGO,
4	Rohtak	Presiding Officer –Ms. Krishi Sarin (Emp Code-00413), Jr. Consultant (Fashion Design)
	(Noida ICC will take	Member (Convener)- Dr. Chhavi Yadav (Emp Code- 00826), Sr. Faculty
	the charge	(Retail)
	of ICC Rohtak)	Member- Ms. Pooja Panwar (Emp Code- 00937), Faculty (HR-HQ)
	-	Member- Mr. Dharmendra Jaiswal (Emp Code- 00093), Manager (ITSC)
		External Member- Dr. Ranjana Mittal, AGM (RLI), NTPC Dadri
5	Kolkata	Presiding Officer – Ms. Moutusi Mukherjee (Emp Code- 01032), Sr. Faculty (Footwear)

		Member (Convener) - Ms. Anita Ray (Emp Code- 00753), Faculty (FD)
		Member - Mr. Prashanta Kumar Nanda (Emp Code- 00277), Sr. Faculty (Footwear)
		External Member - Ms. Shakuntala Chanda, Managing Trustee, Footsteps Foundation
6	Fursatganj	Presiding Officer – Garima Kakkar (Emp Code- 00870), Sr. Faculty
		Member (Convener) - Ms. Richa Arora, (Emp Code-00895), Associate Faculty
		Member- Mr. Nalin Pandey (Emp Code- 00470), Assistant Manager
		External Member- Ms. Smriti Yadav, Associate Professor, NIFT
7	Jodhpur, Ankleshwar	Presiding Officer – Ms. Nidhi Sharma (Emp Code- 00911), Assistant Manager (C &PR)
	& Guna	Member (Convener)- Mr. Mahesh Kumar (Emp Code- 00797), Faculty
	(ICC of Jodhpur	(Footwear)
	shall look	Member- Ms. Varsha Monica Samuel, (Emp Code- 00905), Faculty (FD)
	after Guna	External Member- Ms. Kiran Tripathi, Secretary, Shri Jagat Kalyan Shikshan
	and Ankleshwar	Sansthan, Jodhpur
	also)	
8	Patna	Presiding Officer – Ms. Shaifali Verma (Emp Code 01025), Sr. Faculty (Fashion Design)
		Member (Convener) - Ms. Rupa Shree (Emp Code- 00921), Asst. Manager (C & PR)
		Member- Ravi Prakash (00511), Assistant Manager (ITSC)
		External Member - Anju Sinha, Program Manager, Gramin & Nagar Vikas Parishad
9	Hyderabad	Presiding Officer – Ms. Koppisetty Anitha (Emp Code- 00742), Sr. Faculty (Retail)
		Member (Convener)- Mr. Abdul Rahuman M, (Emp CodE- 00841), Jr. Faculty (Footwear)
		Member- Ms. Ruchi Singh Emp CodE- 00896), Faculty (LGAD)
		External Member- Ms. Balendu Rashmi, Member-Rubaroo, NGO Hyderabad

Guidelines under Sexual Harassment of women at work place under (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal Act, 2013).

Code of conduct for work place

Sexual harassment is a serious criminal offence, which can destroy human dignity and freedom. In an effort to promote the wellbeing of all human employees at the work place, the following code of conduct has been prescribed:-

- 1. It shall be the duty of the employer to prevent or deter the commission of any act of sexual harassment at the work place.
- 2. Sexual harassment will include such unwelcome sexually determined behavior by any person either individually or in association with other persons or by any person in authority whether directly or by implication such as:
 - i. Eve-teasing
 - ii. Unsavory remark
 - iii. Jocks causing or likely to cause awkwardness or embarrassment iv. Innuendos and taunts
 - v. Gender based insults or sexiest remark
 - vi. Unwelcome sexual overtone in any manner such as over telephone (obnoxious telephone calls) and the like
 - vii. Touching or brushing against any part of the body and the like
 - viii Displaying pornographic or other offensive or derogatory pictures, cartoons, pamphlets or sayings.
 - ix. Forcible physical touch or molestation.
 - x. Physical confinement against one's will and any other act likely to violate one's privacy.

and includes any act or conduct by a person in authority and belonging to one sex which denies or would deny equal opportunity in pursuit of Career Development or otherwise making the environment at the work place. Hostile or intimidating to a person belonging to the other sex, only on the ground of sex.

The mechanism for redressal of complaints and further Procedure to be followed for conducting enquiry by the Complaints Committee is as follows:

(1) Any aggrieved woman may make, in writing, a complaint of sexual harassment at Work place to the Internal Committee if so constituted, or the Local Committee, in case it is not so constituted.

(Provided that where such complaint cannot be made in writing, the Presiding Officer or any Member of the Internal Committee or the Chairperson or any Member of the Local Committee, as the case may be, shall render all reasonable assistance to the woman for making the complaint in writing.)

- (2) Where the aggrieved woman is unable to make a complaint on account of her physical or mental incapacity or death or otherwise, her legal heir or such other person as may be prescribed may make a complaint under this section.
- (3) If the complainant feels that she cannot disclose her identity for any particular reason the complainant shall address the complaint to the head of the organization and hand over the same in person or in a sealed cover. Upon receipt of such complaint the head of the organization shall retain the original complaint with himself and send to the complaints committee as gist of the complaint containing all material and relevant details other than the name of the complaint and other details which might disclose the identity of the complaint.
- (4) The Internal Committee or, as the case may be, may before Initiating inquiry under section 11 and at the request of the aggrieved woman take steps to settle the matter between her and the respondent through conciliation.
- (5) Where a settlement has been arrived at under sub-section (1), the Internal Committee, as the case may be, shall record the settlement so arrived and forward the same to the employer and a copy to the Local committee regarding action taken as specified in the recommendation.
- (6) The Internal Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be, shall provide the copies of the settlement as recorded under sub-section (2) to the aggrieved woman and the respondent.

* Punishment for false or malicious complaint and False Evidence

Where the Internal Committee of the Campus arrives at a conclusion that the allegation against the respondent is malicious or the aggrieved woman or any other person making the complaint has made the complaint knowing it to be false or the aggrieved woman or any other person making the complaint has produced any forged or misleading document, it may recommend to the Competent Authority, to take action against the woman or the person who has made the complaint under ,sub-section (2) of section 9, in accordance with the provisions of the service rules applicable to her or him or where no such service rules exist, **in such manner as may be prescribed.**

Disciplinary Action:

Where the conduct of an employee amounts to misconduct in employment as defined in the relevant service rules the employer should initiate appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with the relevant rules.

Third Party Harassment

Where sexual harassment occurs as a result of an act or omission by any third party or outsider the employer and the persons incharge shall take all steps necessary and reasonable to assist the affected person in terms of support and preventive action.

Submission of Report's by Internal Complaint Committee:

- (1) The Internal Committee shall in each calendar year prepare, in Prescribed form and prescribed time as may be prescribed, an annual report and submit the same to the employer and the District Officer.
- (2) The Institute shall include in its report the number of cases filed, if any, and their disposal under this Act in the annual report of the Institute or where no such report is required to be prepared, intimate such number of cases, if any, to the District Officer.