

# CRA

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## COMMUNITY RADIO ASSOCIATION

*Registered under societies Registration Act. XXI of 1860*

*No. S/606/Distt. South/2011*

*Minutes of the Meeting of the Governing Body held on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2012,*

*Hotel Parkland, New Delhi*

### **Members Present:**

1. Dr. Kandarpa Das
2. N.A. Shah Ansari
3. Dr. Father Thomas Joseph
4. Mr. Jitender Sharma
5. Mr. Amol Goje
6. Ms. Barsha Chabaria
7. Mr. Virender Singh Chauhan
8. Mr. Pankaj Athvale
9. Ms. Pinky Chandran
10. Mr. Braham Prakash Yadav
11. Ms. Archana Kapoor
12. Mr. James Rajsekharan
13. Ms. Salila Bhansali
14. Mr. Sanjay Chandekar
15. Dr. Ashok Singh Sunhal
16. Mr. Nouratmal
17. Dr. R. Sreedher
18. Mr. Vipin Sharma

### **Resolution No. 1**

The Meeting discussed the issue of Spectrum hike by the WPC and approved the action taken so far by the President & the General Secretary. The meeting decided to meet the Minister of Communication & IT, Mr Kapil Sibal on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2012 and submit a memorandum requesting him to reconsider the decision of the Ministry and exempt all CRS from Spectrum hike. The CRA delegation to the Minister shall comprise of Dr. Kandarpa Das, Virender Singh Chauhan, Dr. Father Thomas Joseph, Mr. N. A. Shah Ansari and Ms. Archana Kapoor.

### **Resolution No.2**

In view of the present financial conditions of the CRA, it is decided that no TA/DA of the office bearers would be reimbursed by the CRA for attending meetings of the regional/state chapters without prior approval of the Governing body. However, Governing body authorises the President to approve a maximum amount of Rs. 10,000/- for urgent expenditures to be incurred. Governing body also approves a maximum expenditure of Rs. 5000/- for the General Secretary/Treasurer to meet certain expenditure related stationeries & other contingencies.

However, in case of such expenditures the General Secretary/Treasurer will obtain post facto approval from the President.

### Resolution No. 3

The meeting discussed the proposal from the Treasurer regarding regular secretarial assistance to her for maintaining the accounts and keeping the members in touch regarding membership and other details. After discussion, the Governing body resolved to approve Rs. 1500/- per month to the Treasurer towards providing secretarial assistance to her. The governing body also approves one time amount of Rs. 5000/- to the General Secretary for meeting secretarial assistance to him while maintaining the website etc. In case, any additional expenditure is required to be incurred by the General Secretary/Treasurer, prior approval of the President may be obtained.

### Resolution No. 4

As authorised by the General Body meeting of the CRA held on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2012, the Governing resolved to co-opt the following members to the Governing Body as Executive members. While co-opting, efforts were made by the Governing body to give representation to the maximum states:

1. Mr. E. James Rajasekaran - PARD Vaanoli, Tamil Nadu
2. Mr. Zahed Farooqui -Deccan Radio, Andhra Pradesh
3. Mr. Madhu Sudan Pandit - Radio Snehi, Bihar
4. Mr. V. Kurien or Mr.R. K. Singh - CMS Radio, Uttar Pradesh
5. Dr. Archana R. Singh - Jyotirgamaya Radio, Chandigarh
6. Nirmal Bhatnagar - JIMS Radio, NCR Delhi
7. Mr. Kartikeyan - Puducherry
8. To be nominated by the CRS from Rajasthan
9. To be nominated by the CRS from Gujarat
10. Dr. R. Sreedher - permanent special invitee
11. Mr. Vipin Sharma - permanent special invitee

### Resolution No. 5

In order to chalk out future course of action and for smooth running of the CRA, Governing Body decided to form the following subcommittees:

#### **Website Subcommittee:**

Mr. Braham Prakash Yadav - Convenor

- 1) Mr. Virender Singh Chauhan
- 2) Ms. Barsha Chabaria
- 3) Ms. Archana Kapoor

#### **MOA amendment subcommittee:**

- 1) Fr. Thomas Joseph - Convenor
- 2) Ms. Pinky Chandran
- 3) Ms. Archana Kapoor
- 4) Dr. Amol Goje
- 5) Dr. R. Sreedher

**Central Liaison & Policy subcommittee:**

- 1) Fr. Thomas Joseph
- 2) Dr. Amol Goje
- 3) Ms. Archana Kapoor
- 4) Dr. Ashok Singh Sunhal
- 5) Mr. Vipin Sharma
- 6) Dr. R. Sreedher - Convenor

**Media Coordination subcommittee:**

- 1) Mr. Pankaj Athvale - Convenor
- 2) Mr. Sanjay Chanderkar
- 3) Yashvant Patil

**Research & Development subcommittee:**

- 1) Fr. Thomas Joseph
- 2) Ms. Archana Kapoor - Convenor
- 3) Ms. Pinky Chandran

**Resolution No. 6**

Dr. Amol Goje and Ms. Salila Bhansal volunteered to design the CRA logo and stationeries (letter pad, Envelope etc). The draft design of the logo would be circulated among the members for their approval. It is resolved that the process of finalisation of the logo would be completed by 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2012.

**Resolution No. 7**

It is resolved to conduct a research project by the CRA members. Ms. Pinky Chandran , Joint Secretary will prepare a minor project and a questionnaire for the Project. The report of the Project will be prepared in the form of research paper by Ms. Archana Kapoor & Ms. Pinky Chandran, which will be supervised by Dr. Kandarpa Das, President, CRA for publication.


**Resolution No. 8**

It is resolved that any two of the three office bearers, CRA viz. President, Secretary General or Treasurer will be the joint signatories of the Bank account. President will intimate to the Bank that cheques will be signed by any of two of the above office bearers and signatures of all three office bearers may be sent to the Bank for necessary action.

Sd/-

(Kandarpa Das)  
President, CRA

*The Minutes of the GB meeting dated 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2012 has been confirmed in the Governing Body Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 at Subbalakshmi Lakshmipathy College of Science at Madurai, Tamilnadu.*

  
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**1. On status of tasks assigned last resolution**

**2. Resolution 2**

The meeting set a deadline of one week from 17<sup>th</sup> September for members that hold a GB position to pay their dues, failing which their membership will be suspended temporarily

**3. Resolution 3**

It was decided that the GS would write to the 21 stations that paid only Rs. 1000/- to remit the entire amount of the membership fees within a week of the letter. It was also decided that phone calls would be made to ensure that the remittance would be made at the earliest

**4. Resolution 4**

Etiquette of GB members was also discussed and it was decided that it was important for GB members to refrain from personal comments to anyone within the group or outside and a more refined language be used for communication

**5. Resolution 5**

It was also decided that response to emails from any member would be responded within 48 hours. Non receipt of emails without proper suggestions/ comments etc can be questioned at the next GB meeting. ( Proper responses ( not ideal yes/no/good work kind of emails) to queries within the time frame also will show how accountability from the GB members)

**6. Resolution 6**

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Father to lead the task of incorporating changes in the MOA

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of CRA held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2013, Hotel Stallions, New Delhi**

**Agenda:**

- Opening remarks by the chairperson
- Gratification of the minutes of the GB meeting held at Madurai on September 17, 2012
- Report of the activities of the association
- Brief about the MIB project about CR consultations
- Discussion on changes to the rules and regulations including formation of regional and state chapters
- Appointment of a new secretariat
- Financial status as on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2013
- Any other matter

Dr. Kandarpa Das, President, chaired the session. He welcomed everyone and gave a brief about the GB meeting held on September 17, 2012.

After a brief discussion, the minutes of the meeting were approved.

The secretary general, Virender Singh Chauhan, presented the activities of the association especially that of the South zone, West zone and Tamil Nadu chapter.

Ms. Kapoor, who is also nominated by the President as the coordinator of the MIB project spoke about the salient feature of the project and the success of the Dibrugarh Consultations

Dr. Sreedher and Father Thomas explained the need for amendments to the rules which will be placed before the general body, in detail.

The following were members were present, having a requisite quorum.

1. **Dr. Kandarpa Das**
2. **Virender Singh Chauhan**
3. **Archana Kapoor**
4. **Pinky Chandran**
5. **Thomas Joseph**





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6. **Dr. Sreedhar**
7. **Pankaj Athawale**
8. **N.A. Shah Ansari**
9. **Barsha Chabria**
10. **E. James Rajshekaran**

After an extensive discussion, the amendments were approved by the governing body, and it was agreed that the same would be placed before the general body.

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



**Minutes of the Meeting of the General Body held on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2013,  
Hotel Stallions, New Delhi**

**Agenda:**

- Opening remarks by the chairperson
- Gratification of the minutes of the meeting and placement of the minutes of meetings of GB held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2013.
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Dr. Kandarpa Das, President, chaired the session. He welcomed everyone and gave a brief about the GB meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2013. After a brief discussion, the minutes of the meeting were approved.

The secretary general, Virender Singh Chauhan, presented his report. Report is attached separately.

Ms. Archana Kapoor, Treasurer, presented the financial Report, Annual Accounts of 2011-2012 and Budget for 2013-2014. The Financial Report, Annual Accounts and Budget was approved by the general body.

The proposals for amendments to the Memorandum of Association were made. Dr. Sreedher Ramamurthy on the request of the President. Dr. Sreedher explained the need for the amendments and presented the revised clauses and sections. The General Body approved the amendments by voice vote after detail discussions.

Resolved that a full time Secretariat of the Association be made operational with immediate effect. The Project Coordinators appointed for the MIB Project Ms. Sumati Thusoo and Sadhana Srivastava will continue to work in the Secretariat till September, 2013. The secretariat will maintain the accounts/ coordinate with all members/ follow up on the membership fee and new members/ will write content for the newsletter and website and will keep everyone in the loop about CRA's activities. Mr. Sunil Gupta was appointed as the auditor and Mr. Rajaram was appointed as the Consultant Advocate of CRA.



The following were members were present, having a requisite quorum.

1. Dr. Kandarpa Das, President (Radio Luit)
2. Virender Singh Chauhan, Secretary General (Radio Sirsa)
3. Archana Kapoor, Treasurer (Radio Mewat)
4. Dr. Sreedher
5. Thomas Joseph Therakam (Radio Mattoli)
6. Barsha Chabariya (Radio Salaam Namaste)
7. E. James Rajsekaran (Pard Vaanoli)
8. Pinky Chandran (Radio Active)
9. N.A Ansari (Radio Namaskar)
10. Tanvi Vijay (Radio 7)
11. J. Mohan (Vayalaga Vanoli)
12. Sanjay Shukla (Radio Uttam)
13. Lokesh Shama (Apno Radio)
14. Dr. S. Saleema (Pudnvai Vaani)
15. Ramesh Hangloo (Radio Sharda)
16. Amardeep Singh (Himgiri ki Awaz)
17. G.K. Jakir Hussain (SSM CR)
18. R.K. Singh (CMS Radio)
19. V.Kurian (CMS Radio)
20. Juhi Hazarika (Radio Jnan Taranga)
21. Braham Prakash Yadav (Radio Noida)
22. Seema Bharti (Voice of Azamgarh)
23. Yashwant Patel (Radio Madhuban)
24. Saurabh Singh Patel (Vanya Radio, Chindwara)
25. Hemant (Vanya Radio, Chandrashekhar Azad)
26. Shanta Koshti (Rudi no Radio)
27. Madhu Sudan Pandit (Snehi Radio)
28. Atul Kumar Shukla (Kisan Radio)
29. Shridatt Gawkwad (Vidyavani CR)
30. Sunil Shirsikar (Sharada Krisivahini)
31. Yuvaraj M. Jadhav (Vasundhara Vahini)
32. Nirmal Raj. K (Janvani FM)
33. Prasanna Pathak (Radio Nagar)
34. SS. Joseph Winston (Kalpakkam)
35. G. Gandhimathi (Periyar Radio)
36. N. Aruna (MOP Chennai)
37. M. Divyasri (Muthucharan CR)
38. K. Sheyau Bhat (Radio Manipal)
39. S. Vijay Gopu (Radio IIMT)
40. Dr. Jasphool Singh (Rohtak Radio)



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41. Jitendra Sharma (Kissanavni Sironj)
42. Ashok Shukla (Radio Bundelkhand)
43. Rakesh Singh (Radio Eminent)
44. Narsamma (Sangham Radio)
45. Leran I. Sayyad (Sawaranant CRS)
46. Sudesh D. Ghorde (Sadhana Radio)
47. Pradeepta Kumar Dutta (Radio Kisan)
48. Dr. P.K. Singh (Vallabh Krishak Radio)
49. Sunil Palaskar (Neatech FM Radio)
50. Arjun Kaintura (Radio Khushi)
51. Dhirendra (Radio Awaz)
52. Prof. Devendrappa (Krishi CR)
53. Shivaji Ganeshan (Radio Siddartha)
54. J. Paul Baskar (Pasumai CR)
55. M. Gaanajothi (Kongu CR)
56. Mallesha (Janadhwani)
57. M.S.M. Mannan (Radio Universal)
58. Vivekraj Thakur (Radio Vishwas)
59. Mohan Singh (Kumaon Vani)
60. Md. Wasim Ansari (Dayanvani)
61. Jerrin Chandan (Radio Sarang)
62. Kiran C. Sawani (MUST Radio)
63. Dr. Rahul Gethe (D.Y. Radio)
64. S.K. Lawania (Apki Awaz)
65. Ashish Tandan (Vivek 90.4 CRS)
66. Yaman Pulate (Paravar KVK)
67. Mukesh Gambhir (Manav Rachna)
68. Ashok S. Sunhal (Alwar ki Awaz)
69. Ram Niwas (Tilonia Radio)
70. Zahed Farooqui (Deccan Radio)
71. Sanjay Chandekar (Radio FTII)
72. K. Vipinraj (Radio Media Village)
73. K. Shyam Bhat (Radio Manipal)

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

Approved

(Kandarpa Das  
Date: 11-05-2013)



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### Report by the Secretary General

In 2011-12, CRA had only 50 members. This year, the number has increased to 80. Mr. Virender urged the members to pay their dues at the earliest.

He appreciated the work done by the Southern Zone and the Tamil Nadu Chapter. He also mentioned how CRA was the one that brought to light the hike in the spectrum fee and how CRA took the lead in the protests that followed in April 2012 at the South Zone Consultation.

He spoke about the concerted efforts made by CRA in engaging with Ministry of Information Broadcasting. He again enlisted the series of events that led to a meeting with the Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Mr. Kapil Sibal in May, 2012. He appreciated the efforts of Father Thomas Therakam in making this possible. He described the interaction and told the members about how CRA pleaded for waiver/rollback of the spectrum fee hike.

The Secretary General then informed the members about CRA being made a member of the screening committee for approving organisations for Community Radio licenses.

As no movement was taking place CRA's secretary general and the treasurer met with Ms. Ambika Soni, who was requested to talk to Mr. Kapil Sibal. Ms. Soni promised to take it up with Mr. Sibal that very day as she was to meet him in a few hours. As a result of CRA's persistence, Mr. Kapil Sibal took a decision in principle to waive the spectrum fee which was released as government press release by Press Information Bureau and a point is to be made that the name of CRA figured in official release.

The efforts later bore fruit when after a strong protest by the MIB, the Department of Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, agreed on the rollback of the spectrum fee in February 2013.