

## SUCCESS STORY

### **Brief of the Case**

The Commission had received a representation from Dr. Farah Deeba that the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries (DAHD&F), Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India has not issued the appointment letter to her husband Dr. M. Feroz Khan who was selected after the interview by the UPSC on 26.11.2013 for the post of Director General, Fishery Survey of India (FSI). Commission took cognizance of representation of Dr. Farah Deeba regarding discrimination in issuing of appointment letter to her husband Dr. M. Feroz Khan. Not satisfied with the reply from DAH&F, the Commission decided to hold a hearing. After hearing both sides on 14.05.2014, the Commission was of the view that DAHD&F should have accepted the recommendation of UPSC which is a constitutional body and should not have referred the matter to DOPT and UPSC again. Even if there was any point of doubt, DAHD&F could have taken up the matter with UPSC at the time when the two candidates, including Dr. M. Feroz Khan, were shortlisted by UPSC for the interview. In these circumstances, the Commission held that appointment letter should be issued to Dr. M. Feroz Khan without further loss of time. While ordering so, the Commission observed that the Respondent Department should not do anything which per se might give an impression to the petitioner that her husband was being denied justice just because he happened to belong to a notified minority community.

### **Compliance:**

3. Subsequently, DAHD&F vide their letter dated 9th June, 2014 informed the Commission that an order of appointment dated 06.06.2014 was issued to Dr. M. Feroz Khan to the post of DG in Fishery Survey of India, Mumbai.