



NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

PRESS NOTE

NCW holds hearing

New Delhi, October 13, 2022: The National Commission for Women had taken cognizance of a video where Shri Gopal Italia, President, Aam Aadmi Party, Gujarat was found to be using abusive and misogynistic language. The Commission had scheduled a hearing in the matter for today at 12:30pm.

Mr Italia appeared before the Commission for hearing along with a crowd of 100-150 people who created a ruckus at the gate of the Commission's office. The crowd which was wearing Aam Aadmi Party caps and sloganeering outside the office gate tried to crash enter along with Mr Italia. Taking in mind, the safety and security of employees, mostly women and property of NCW, the Commission had to call the police to ensure law and order.

Right from the beginning, Mr Italia lied to the Commission. Firstly, he was responding to NCW's questions in Hindi and English but suddenly when he had no answers to the questions, he tried to evade them by refusing to speak in either language and insisted that he knew only Gujarati. Later, he was found to be interacting with the media in Hindi.

Mr Italia was given enough time to reply on his abusive tweet but his oral and written statements were completely contradictory. Mr Italia also refused to accept that the concerned video is his and insisted that it could have been edited. However, in his written submission, he did not deny his association with the video and stated that the alleged word could imply anything and in no sense it can be attributed to be derogatory to women.