

PRESS NOTE

2nd August 2005

National Commission for Women has taken serious note of the incidence of sexual exploitation and rape of a tribal woman from Jharkhand by Senior Police Officers which came to its notice through media channels. The Commission conducted a hearing today and heard the exploited woman. The Commission condemns the unbecoming behaviour and act of the Senior Police Officers of Jharkhand, has demanded effective and speedy justice to the woman and has asked the State Government to do the following:

- (i). Criminal cases should be registered against the accused police officers viz D.I.G., Shri Parvej Hyat and I.G., Shri P.S. Natrajan.
- (ii). Statement of the victim should be recorded under Section 164 CrPC.
- (iii). Investigations should be expedited and completed within one month. The cases against the two senior Police Officers should be launched in the Fast Track Court.
- (iv). The custody of the son of the victim (from her first husband Shri Basant Yadav) should be given to her.
- (v). The victim has a threat to her life. The State Government should provide adequate security to her.
- (vi). The State Government should pay adequate compensation to the victim and make arrangements for her long term rehabilitation.

In the absence of the Chief Minister who has gone abroad, the Chairperson, NCW has spoken to the Chief Secretary and D.G.P. of the State to take immediate action in this case on the above lines.

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