

## **PRESS RELEASE**

The National Commission for Women was in receipt of a complaint dated 29/11/2011 from Saheli Women's Resource Centre, New Delhi regarding the alleged incident, wherein a women prisoner was sexually abused and physically assaulted in police custody. The Commission sought an Action Taken Report (ATR) from DGP, Chhattisgarh vide letter dated 13/12/2011. Thereafter, as a routine visit, the NCW team visited the Raipur Central Jail in December 2012, where the team also met the victim and observed that she needed psychological counselling in order to cope with her traumatic experience of sexual abuse in police custody. Now, it has come to the notice of the Commission that Chhattisgarh Government has ordered the jail authorities to administer a psychiatric evaluation of the victim. Where after, it was again alleged by Saheli Women's Resource Centre that the Commission's thoughtful concern for the victim and other inmates in Raipur Central Jail is being taken out of context and deliberately manipulated by the Government to declare her mentally unstable. In this regard the Commission sought an Action Taken Report from Government of Chhattisgarh and as per the ATR received by the Commission it is mentioned that on the recommendation of the Commission, the victim is regularly been provided Psychological counselling from Psychiatrist of Maharani Hospital, Jagdalpur. The Commission is also in receipt of Psychiatric Assessment of the victim which states that her mental state examination was done on 09/03/2013 and was within normal limits and she was suffering from adjustment disorder with depressive symptoms and was advised anti-depressant medication.