



## **National Commission for Women**

### Press Note

**New Delhi, October 10, 2018:** The National Commission for Women has taken a serious note of the instances of sexual harassment of women that have figured in the media recently.

The National Commission for Women strongly condemns any act of invasion of the private space of women. The Commission is committed to ensure safety and dignity of women including at workplaces. The Commission is of the considered view that such violation infringes the Constitutional Rights of women and the perpetrators of such violence need to be penalized as per law.

The Commission is committed to facilitate and render all possible help to all women who have come forward with such complaints and see it to a logical conclusion.

The National Commission for Women has continued to make efforts to reach out to all such woman who have come out with details of sexual harassment at workplace and has offered all possible help to them.

The prevalent culture of silence has long prevented women from speaking out and reporting such cases. The Commission has accordingly noticed that in many such cases, the victims do not want to go beyond naming and shaming the alleged offenders and lodge a formal complaint. In such cases, the Commission would urge them to lodge their written complaints with authorities concerned including with the National Commission for Women.

The National Commission for Women appreciates the bravery of the women who have spoken and who continue to come forward to help punish perpetrators of such violence.

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