

National Commission for Women

Press Release

Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav, National President, Samjwadi Party has replied to the notice of the National Commission for Women (NCW) on the media reports titled, "Mulayam questions death penalty for rape, triggers controversy".

Shri Yadav, in his reply, has stated, inter alia, that he has had the highest regard for women and has actively undertaken a number of initiatives for their upliftment. Shri Yadav has further said that the offence of rape is a serious and heinous crime and the perpetrators of such crime deserve to be dealt with sternly and swiftly. Having said, this, however, he has also stated that it is his belief that a death sentence is to be reserved for only the rarest of rare cases as has been laid down by the Supreme Court of India in the context of death penalties.

The response of Shri Yadav is under the consideration of the Commission.