



National Commission for Women

Press Note

NCW issues notice to DGP West Bengal over a case from Jalpaiguri

New Delhi, 22nd August, 2019: The Commission has come across recent media reports claiming that a woman who went to seek refund of 'cut money' she had paid in lieu of getting the benefits of a central housing scheme, was gang raped by a TMC Panchayat member and his three accomplices in Jalpaiguri district in West Bengal. The Commission is anguished by this incident and has criticized the crime committed by a person holding responsible position in the society. The accused is an elected representative supposed to safeguard the interest of his people and on the contrary he has committed two crimes, one he has taken bribe from people to get them benefits of a social scheme wherein he is the custodian to ensure that the benefits reach deserving people and secondly he has disrespected her and raped her with his accomplices.

The Commission is concerned with the increasing crime against women in West Bengal and vehemently condemns this act and has served a notice to DGP West Bengal urging his immediate intervention in this matter and send a detailed action taken report to the helpless woman. The Commission will be closely following this case and has demanded a report from the DGP office as soon as possible.
