



## NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

### PRESS NOTE

#### **NCW takes cognizance**

**New Delhi, August 30, 2022:** The National Commission for Women has come across media articles wherein it is reported that Seema Patra, wife of former IAS officer Maheshwar Patra brutally assaulted and harassed their domestic help. It is alleged that Ms Patra kept her help hungry and thirsty for days. She reportedly also broke her teeth with an iron rod and thrashed her regularly.

The atrocity perpetrated on the victim is extremely disturbing and such act of violence against a human is shameful. The Commission has taken cognizance of the reported crime. Chairperson Ms Rekha Sharma has written to Director General of Police, Jharkhand to arrest the accused if the allegations leveled are found to be true. The Commission has also written for a fair and time-bound investigation in the matter.

The Commission has sought best medical treatment for the victim and ensure her safe rehabilitation. Action taken in the matter must be apprised to the Commission within seven days.