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To

The Chief Secretary  
Govt. of Odisha, Secretariat,  
Bhubaneswar- 751001

Sir,

I am directed to state that the National Commission for Women (NCW) has taken cognizance of the complaint and constituted an Inquiry Committee under Sections 8 (1), read with Sections 10 (1) and 10 (4) of the National Commission for Women Act, 1990 to inquire into media report which appeared on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2013, titled "Blind minor raped, killed in Puri" wherein reportedly a 14 year old blind girl was raped and thereafter murdered in Puri – Konark Marine Drive.

After looking into the facts and circumstances of the present case, the Commission strongly recommends the following:-

**Recommendations:**

1. **Immediate transfer of the Case to a Special Investigation Team (SIT) :** The Inquiry Committee recommends formation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) by the State Government consisting of police officers with expertise in crime investigation with at least one lady officer and headed by an officer not below the rank of Deputy Commissioner and immediate transfer of the case to the SIT with a mandate to complete the investigation within 60 days.

The SIT is also required to file a report with the Commission regarding proceedings of investigation in every 15 days interval.

2. **Compensation:** Keeping in view the enormity of the tragic incident, the Inquiry Committee recommends to the State Government to give proper compensation to rape victim's family.
3. **Appointment of a Special Public Prosecutor:** The State Government is directed to appoint a special public prosecutor with good reputation for trial of the case in court.
4. **Trial of the Case in a Fast Track Court:** The State Government must take into view the fact that only swift and exemplary punishment in such heinous cases can help deter occurrence of similar cases in future.

The State Government is hereby directed to ensure that the case is put to trial in a fast tract court and trial is completed as soon as possible.

5. **A Special 'Women Protection Force' for Puri:** It is urgently necessary to take steps to halt the rising incidence of assaults on women in Puri that is also giving a bad press to the region across the globe and seriously affecting its tourism prospects.

The Inquiry Committee, therefore, recommends that the State Government form a 'Special Women Protection Force' for the 24 hour patrolling of Puri-Konark marine drive, security in Puri Beach and overall women security in the pilgrimage town of Puri to the above force. The State Government is directed to take expeditious steps in this regard.

6. **A functional 'Intensive Care Unit' in Puri District Hospital :** Keeping in view the strategic importance of Puri, the Inquiry Committee recommends that the State Government take immediate steps to open an Intensive Care Unit in Puri District Hospital to deal with medical crisis situations arising out of assaults on women. The State Government is also directed to take immediately steps to improve basic infrastructure in the women wards of the hospital.
7. **Women Police Station in Puri:** Keeping in view the rising incidence of crime against women in Puri, the Inquiry Committee recommends setting up of a Women Police Station in Puri. The State Government is directed to take immediate steps in this regard.
8. **Augmentation of Women Security at Puri Railway Station:** The Inquiry Committee found that the Puri Railway Station frequented by lakhs of female tourists daily remains completely unguarded at night time when female passengers are found waiting for their train. The railway authorities are directed to take immediate steps for providing night time security to women passengers and also take steps to open a 24 hour RPF post at the station with women personnels.

I am directed to communicate that the State Government is requested to kindly take appropriate action in the matter and kindly intimate the Commission about action taken expeditiously.

Yours sincerely,



(Raj Singh)  
Deputy Secretary