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To

The Chief Secretary  
Govt. of Uttar Pradesh  
Bapu Bhawan, Secretariat,  
Lucknow, UP

Sub- Recommendations of the Inquiry Committee visit to Muzaffarnagar

Sir,

I am directed to state that the National Commission for Women (NCW) has taken suo motu cognizance and constituted an Inquiry Committee under Section 8(1), read with Section 10(1) and (4) of the NCW Act, 1990 to inquire into the situation of women and children in the riot affected areas in Muzaffarnagar, U.P.

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

1. U.P. Government's decisions to form a Special Investigation Cell (SIC) to probe the riots of Muzaffarnagar and adjoining districts headed by S.P. rank Officer who would report to I.G. Meerut zone is not sufficient. S.I.T. should be formed comprising senior officer of Govt. Of India to probe into the matter and come out with a report within stipulated time period.
2. Strictest punishments for riot perpetrators would send a positive message and would somehow heal the wounds of the victims of the riots.
3. The onus lies on the **State Govt.** to convince over forty thousand Muslims who have got displaced to return to their respective villages.



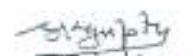
4. The era of **"Jaat Muslim Unity"** has to be brought back to defuse the said communal disharmony which **ONLY** would ensure the situation of women victims to improve.
5. The complex web of inter-dependence between Jaats and Muslims that has crumbled has left the women vulnerable to all sorts of miseries. The economy of the region is inter-dependent. The Jaat farmers need Muslim labourers for fields, and vice-versa. Women and children are worst hit when brushed with financial crisis. Immediate steps should be taken to provide **economic stability** to the families.
6. **Winters** are approaching, 40,000 Muslims (approx. 18,000 women) living in camps, at homes of relatives, in private farms of well-wishers, at police stations need a permanent house for shelter. The Government should make serious efforts of reconstruction of houses at the respective places, because building separate "Hindu Villages" and "Muslim Villages" is totally against the ethos of our secular country and it's Constitution.
7. Monetary compensation alone for the displaced would not suffice. **Rehabilitation** with jobs to family members of the dead and engaging women in self help groups would help in building financial independence and confidence.
8. There will be no peace until the balance of power is sorted out. Hence, **peace committees and harmonising committees** should be formed at the Panchayat level which should work towards harmonising both parties. Women belonging to both religions, the Panchayat head, representative of local administration, social activists and local leaders should be a component of the said committees.
9. **Health** of women who are mothers, widows, sisters and daughters of the deceased and affected men is of grave concern. Absence of gynaecologists in every camp is in fact a negligence of the State Government. Gynaecologists should be available 24x7 in all relief camps to ensure that the women are well provided for, medically.
10. Proper **nutrition** is the basic right of a pregnant and a nursing mother. The absence of special diet in the camps needs to be addressed urgently.



11. Girls going to schools and colleges have stopped doing so. It is the responsibility of the State to ensure that each girl residing in the village gets ample security so that her **education** is not hampered. The local police should escort these girls (travelling in public/school/college transport) till the situation is normalised.
12. The children/girls residing in make shift camps should not be deprived of education. **Anganwaadi workers** and Government teachers should take classes in these camps for the time being.
13. The trauma of the riots and displacement has hit the women and girls hard, irrespective of caste, colour, creed or religion. These under nourished and struggling women need continuous **psychological counselling** along with rehabilitation. A fair number of psychologists should be engaged to help these emotionally and physically traumatised women.
14. The State should focus on **harmonising** the situation and pledge to prioritise the rehabilitation of the displaced to return to their respective homes and normalcy.
15. The pending "**Prevention of Communal and Targeted Violence Bill**" should be introduced and passed in Parliament to enable law enforcement agencies in dealing with communal clashes and the people behind such flare-ups.

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

Yours sincerely,

  
21/11/14  
(S.K. Gupta)

Under Secretary