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

Sub- Recommendations of the Inquiry Committee visit

Sir,

I am directed to state that the National Commission for Women (NCW) had taken suo-motu cognizance and had constituted an Inquiry Committee under Section 8(1), read with Section 10(1) and (4) of the NCW Act, 1990 to inquire into the media report titled '30 years old lady raped by 6 persons and photographs in mobile in mobile in Banpur Thana, Khurda district, Odisha'.

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

Key Recommendations :

1. **A Special 'Women Protection Force' for Chilika tourist circuit :** It is absolutely shocking how four men could pick up a helpless women and her three year old child, from the famous Chilika lake and brutally rape her, one after one, in broad daylight, in front of her child.

The incident exposes some very serious lapses in security in a globally acclaimed tourist circuit like that of the famous Chilika lake region, frequented by millions of tourists throughout the year. Such incidents go a long in giving a bad press to the region across the globe, seriously affecting its tourism prospects.

The situation needs to be rectified immediately before it deteriorates further to an explosive proportion.

The Inquiry Committee therefore recommends that the state government immediately constitute a 'Special Women Protection Force' and entrust the 24 hour patrolling and overall women security in the Chilika tourist circuit consisting of Balugaon-Banpur & Satapada to the above force.

2. **24 Hour Patrolling in Chilka Tourist Circuit :** The Inquiry Committee found it equally shocking as to how the assailants were able to forcefully take the victim to an isolated place, over 8-10 km away from Balugaon town, from where she is picked up and that too on a busy national highway, despite the victim's all efforts to resist. This speaks volumes of the security available on this busy stretch, circling the Chilika lake. The state government is therefore asked to make immediate arrangements for 24 hours patrolling on all important stretches in the Chilika tourist circuit of Balugaon-Banpur and Satapada.
3. **A functional 'Intensive Care Unit' in Banpur Hospital :** The Inquiry Committee found that despite being the only hospital in the entire Chilika tourist circuit, the preparedness of the 'Banpur hospital' to deal any medical crisis situations arising out of assaults on women are extremely pathetic. The hospital is even devoid of a basic Intensive Care Unit.

The Inquiry Committee therefore recommends that the State government take immediate steps to open a sophisticated Intensive Care Unit in Banpur Hospital. The state government is also directed to take immediately steps to improve basic infrastructure in the women wards of the hospital.

4. **Women Police Station in Banpur :** Taking into account the strategic importance of the Banpur-Balugaon region as being the gateway to the famous Chilika lake, the Inquiry Committee recommends setting up of a Women Police Station in Banpur. The state government is directed to take immediate steps in this regard.
5. **Compensation to the Victim :** Keeping in view the enormity of the tragic incident, the inquiry committee recommends proper compensation to the victim by the state government.
6. **Counselling & Educational Facility for the victim's Child :** It is extremely disturbing that the victim's 3-year old child was forced to witness the brutality unleashed on her mother, on a knife point. The psychological turbulence the innocent child had to undergo is powerful enough to derange his entire life. The state government is therefore asked to provide adequate psychological counselling and educational arrangement for the child.
7. **Appointment of a Special Public Prosecutor :** The state government is requested to appoint a special public prosecutor with good reputation for trial of the case in court.
8. **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

requested to ensure that the case is put to trial in a fast track court and trial is completed as soon as possible.

I am directed to convey the recommendations of the Inquiry Committee and to request that the State Government is requested to take appropriate action in the matter and kindly intimate the Commission about action taken by an early date.

Yours sincerely,



(Raj Singh)
Deputy Secretary