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To,

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

Sub- Recommendations of the Inquiry Committee

Sir,

I am directed to state that the National Commission for Women (NCW) has taken cognizance of the media reports 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, titled " Kendrapara rape victim passes away in Bhubaneshwar" a 14 year old girl, battling for her life after she was set afire by three people in Odisha's Kendrapara two weeks ago, passed away in a hospital in Bhubaneswar.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Against Authorities :** There is doubt that loopholes in the decision-making machinery of the state government, medical negligence and poor infrastructure at SCB Medical College, Cuttack, definitely played a decisive role in hastening the death of the victim. And if the status quo is allowed to prevail, many more such innocent lives would fall prey.
The State Government is therefore to immediately initiate action against those responsible and file an Action Taken Report with the Commission detailing the remedial measures taken.
- 2. Setting up a Sexual Assault Treatment Unit :** To ensure that the victims of sexual assaults receives the best of the medical treatment, the state government to take immediate steps to open a "Sexual Assault Treatment Unit (SATU)" at SCB Medical College, Cuttack, as it is the principal referral hospital of the state.
- 3. Setting up a Rape Crisis Management Authority:** The state government is also to take steps to set up a "Rape Crisis Management Authority" at the state-level, keeping

in view the high incidence of rape cases in the state and the necessity to take properly coordinated and prompt decisions at the highest level.

4. **Appointment of a Special Public Prosecutor :** The state government is directed to appoint a special public prosecutor for trial of the case in court.
5. **Trial of the Case in a Fast Track Court :** The state government is hereby directed 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 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