



PRESS RELEASE

National Commission for Women Takes Suo Motu Cognizance of Pune Bus Rape Incident, Seeks Urgent Action

New Delhi, 26th February 2025: The National Commission for Women has taken suo motu cognizance of a shocking incident reported in the media titled “26-year-old woman raped in Shivshahi bus at Pune's Swargate depot.” In response, NCW Chairperson Smt. Vijaya Rahatkar has written to the Director General of Police, Mumbai, Maharashtra, demanding immediate action in the matter.

The Commission has strongly condemn the heinous crime, in which a 26-year-old woman was allegedly raped inside a stationary Shivshahi bus while waiting for transportation at Pune's Swargate depot. Reports indicate that the accused is currently absconding, raising serious concerns about public safety and law enforcement measures.

In her letter, the NCW Chairperson has directed the police authorities to take the following immediate steps:

1. **Ensure a fair and time-bound investigation** into the incident, leaving no room for delay or negligence.
2. **Extend all necessary support** to the victim, including medical assistance, psychological counseling, and security to safeguard her well-being.
3. **Arrest the accused at the earliest** and ensure strict legal proceedings under the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 to bring the perpetrator to justice.

4. **Submit an action-taken report along** with a copy of the FIR to the Commission within three days.

The NCW remains steadfast in its commitment to protecting women's rights and ensuring that such incidents do not go unpunished. The Commission urges law enforcement agencies to act swiftly and take stringent measures to enhance women's safety in public spaces.

The NCW will closely monitor the progress of this case and take further action as required.

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