



PRESS RELEASE

National Commission for Women Issues New Hearing Date Following Non-Appearance of Individuals

New Delhi, 17th February, 2025: The National Commission for Women (NCW) had issued summons to a group of individuals, including Mr. Ranveer Allahabadia, Mr. Samay Raina, Ms. Apoorva Mukhija, Mr. Jaspreet Singh, Mr. Ashish Chanchlani, Mr. Tushar Poojari, Mr. Saurabh Bothra, and Mr. Balraj Ghai, over the derogatory and obscene remarks made by them in a YouTube program, 'India's Got Latent.' NCW summoned them to appear before the Commission in person on 17th February 2025 at 12 PM.

The NCW recognizes the reasons provided by some individuals for their absence, which include concerns about personal safety, prior foreign travel commitments, and other logistical challenges. The Commission has thoroughly considered these reasons and has rescheduled the hearing to allow those individuals to comply with the summons.

- **Mr. Ranveer Allahabadia** has informed the Commission that he is receiving death threats and, therefore, has requested a new hearing date after three weeks. The Commission has accepted his request and rescheduled the hearing for 6th March, 2025.
- **Ms. Apoorva Mukhija** has communicated that she fears for her safety and can only attend the hearing virtually. Her lawyer, in an email, mentioned that Ms. Mukhija will attend in person once the situation stabilizes. The Commission has accepted her request and rescheduled the hearing for 6th March, 2025.
- **Mr. Samay Raina** is currently traveling in the USA for a pre-planned tour and has assured the Commission that he will make himself available for a hearing upon his return to India. The Commission has accepted his request and rescheduled the hearing for 11th March, 2025.

- **Mr. Jaspreet Singh** is on tour in Paris and will return to India by 10th March, 2025, at which point he will cooperate with the Commission's inquiry. The Commission has accepted his request and rescheduled the hearing for 11th March, 2025.
- **Mr. Ashish Chanchlani** did not attend the hearing in person; instead, his advocate appeared on his behalf and stated that Mr. Ashish is unwell. The Commission has accepted his request and rescheduled the hearing for 6th March, 2025.
- **Mr. Tushar Poojari**, the producer of "India's Got Talent," and **Mr. Saurabh Bothra** have failed to respond to the notice issued by the Commission. The Commission has strongly condemned their lack of seriousness and issued a resummon for 6th March, 2025.
- **Mr. Balraj Ghai** has informed the Commission that he is currently outside India and will respond once he returns. The Commission has accepted his request and rescheduled the hearing for 11th March, 2025.

The Commission expects all summoned individuals to cooperate with the proceedings and appear as instructed.

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