



National Commission for Women

National Commission for Women conducts surprise inspection of Shelter Home/Short Stay Home for women in New Delhi

PRESS NOTE

18 April 2018, New Delhi: A three-member team from the National Commission for Women, led by Member Shri Alok Rawat, conducted unannounced inspections of two Shelter Homes/Short Stay Homes for women in New Delhi on 17th April, 2018.

The identity of the two Shelter Homes/Short Stay Homes were not disclosed till the last moment. Functionaries of Shelter Homes were informed only an hour before the inspection. The two homes where the inspections were carried out by the team on Tuesday were Bapnu Ghar, Bhagwan Das Road and Digmar Jain Mahila Ashram, Daryaganj.

The broad parameters relating to jail visits/visits to psychiatric homes were used as guiding principles to the extent feasible, for the inspection.

The inmates were mostly those abandoned in railway stations, road sides, civic markets and brought to the shelter by police authorities. Among the inmates, the team met two deaf and dumb inmates residing in the shelter, whose identities were not known

Taking note, the Commission has promptly written to Dr. Ajay Bhushan Pandey, IAS, Chief Executive Officer, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) on the same day i.e. 17th April 2018, to help identify the two deaf and dumb inmates at Bapnu Ghar, whose identities/address were not known. The Commission has requested UIDAI to cross check and match their finger prints and iris scans with the Aadhaar database so that their identities could be known.

The NCW team was informed by functionaries that the the All Indian Women's Conference (AIWC) run Bapnu Ghar had not received any funds during 2016-2017 from the Government of NCT, Delhi, as a result of which they were experiencing financial constraints. This was brought to notice of NCW on the same day.

Despite financial constraints, the facilities were found to be satisfactory with comfortable and clean bedding, adequate washrooms, and inmates were properly briefed about menstrual health and menstrual hygiene.