



National Commission for Women

NCW Welcomes Capital Punishment for Rapists of Children under 12

PRESS NOTE

21 April, 2018: The National Commission for Women (NCW) welcomes the Union Cabinet's decision to provide for stringent punishments for perpetrators of rape.

The Commission welcomes the Union Cabinet's decision to award the death penalty to rapists of children under the age of 12 years. This will set a strong deterrent for perpetrators of this heinous crime.

The NCW is also pleased that the approved Ordinance also prescribes the minimum punishment in case of rape of women, to increase from rigorous imprisonment of seven years to 10 years, extendable to life imprisonment. And in cases of the rape of a girl below the age of 16, the minimum punishment to 20 years from 10 years., which means imprisonment till that person's natural life.

Crimes against children and women require stringent punishment against perpetrators and action of the utmost priority. The Commission calls for stricter, stronger and swifter punishable action against rapists, for more effective criminal proceedings in court and and faster trails in rape cases.
