



NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

NCW conducts inspection of psychiatric home in Bambolim, Goa

PRESS NOTE

Goa, May 31, 2018: The National Commission for Women (NCW) regularly conducts inspections of jails, remand homes, women's institutions or other place of custody where women are kept as prisoners or otherwise, and take up with the concerned authorities for remedial action, if found necessary.

In compliance of its mandate, a team from the Commission, led by Chairperson (I/C) Smt. Rekha Sharma, visited the Institute of Psychiatry & Human Behaviour in Bambolim on Thursday.

The parameters in the Proforma developed by the NCW for visits to psychiatric homes were used as guiding principles for the inspection conducted on May 31.

The NCW team was informed by functionaries that the psychiatric home has a total of 102 in-house patients, though the bed capacity is currently at 76. The facilities were found to be satisfactory: hygiene was adequately maintained and in-house patients were provided with nutritious food, clean clothing, and free medicine. The institution also provided sanitary napkins and patients were briefed by the authorities about menstrual hygiene.

One of the positive aspects noticed was the open ward, where patients are allowed to stay with their family attendants. The psychiatric home was also equipped with a separate ward for children.

The authorities are inculcating skill development through embroidery and patients were also engaged in recreational activities like drawing.

On conclusion of the inspection, the following suggestions and recommendations were made by the NCW team to the Institute of Psychiatry & Human Behaviour officials:

1. Aadhar card for all in-house patients.
2. In the open ward, men and women patient were kept in the same premises. It was recommended that arrangements should be made to lodge them separately.
3. Instead of curtains, it was suggested that chinks should be used on windows to prevent any untoward incident.
