## National Commission for Women 4, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg, New Delhi - 110 002

## FINANCIAL YEAR 2008 – 2009

- 1. The NCW received a complaint from Mr. X, a resident of Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, alleging that the husband and in-laws of his daughter subjected her to dowry demand, harassment and torture. When she failed to bring one lakh rupees as demanded by them, she was turned out of her matrimonial home. The complainant made various attempts to bring about reconciliation but all attempts proved to be unsuccessful. The complainant approached the NCW for help. The Commission took up the matter and an Action Taken Report was sought from the Senior Supderintendent of Police, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh. On NCW's intervention, an enquiry was conducted and both the parties were called wherein they reached mutual compromise. The complainant returned to her matrimonial home and her husband assured that he would take care of his wife.
- 2. The NCW received a complaint from Ms. X, a resident of Mall Road, Delhi. The complainant alleged that her husband was having an extra-marital affair and used to leave frequently. She further alleged that no maintenance was provided to her for meeting the day-to-day needs of her family. The Commission took up the matter and both the parties were called for a personal hearing at the Commission wherein after counseling, an amicable settlement was arrived at. The complainant's husband agreed to give a part of his salary for the maintenance of the family and also agreed that he would stay with his family.
- 3. The NCW received a complaint from Ms. Z, a resident of Tilak Nagar, New Delhi, regarding the alleged dowry demand & harassment meted out to her by her husband and in-laws. The Commission took up the matter and both the parties were called for a personal hearing at the Commission so that the matter could be sorted out at the initial stage itself. On further attempts of the Commission, both the parties reached an amicable settlement that the complainant and her husband would reside separately from their in-laws and that their in-laws would not interfere in their personal lives. After NCW's intervention, the complainant and her husband arrived at a mutual settlement / compromise. The complainant's husband also assured the Commission that he would take proper case of his wife.
- 4. The NCW received a complaint about the physical and mental torture meted out to a minor girl Ms. A, aged about 13 years, by her employers where the girl was employed as a domestic help. As the matter was serious, the Commission immediately sent a team headed by Ms. Manju S. Hembrom, Member, NCW, along with members of Child Line (An NGO from Gurgaon) to rescue the girl from her employers. The team visited the house and the girl was rescued from her employers. Thereafter, the NCW requested the Chief Minister, Government of Haryana, to personally intervene in the matter and to ensure that proper investigation be carried

out in the case. The CM, Haryana, directed the DGP, Haryana Police, for looking into the matter and getting it investigated through some Senior Officer and take appropriate action against the employers of the girl. As a result of the initiative of NCW, the rescued girl Ms. A, had been taken to the Rehabilitation Centre, a Delhi based NGO.

- 5. The NCW received a complaint from Mrs. S, a resident of Bundi District, Rajasthan, wherein the complainant alleged that she had been subjected to harassment / torture by her husband and in-laws. She requested the Commission to ask her in-laws to return her "Streedhan - Dowry money, jewelry items, valuable goods, etc". The Commission examined the matter and an Action Taken Report was sought from the Superintendent of Police, Bundi, Rajasthan, as regards the recovery of "Streedhan" from the in-laws of the complainant. As a result of NCW's intervention, the police took action and the complainant recovered her valuables.
- 6. The NCW received a complaint from Mrs. X, New Delhi in October 2008. The complainant had alleged in her application that she was married in the year 1995 to Mr. Y in Uttar Pradesh and had been leading a normal married life and were blessed by 4 children. However, subsequently her husband had taken to consuming excessive alcohol on account of which their marital life had been adversely affected. Further, Mr. "X" was also alleged to have resorted to beating his wife and children. He had even sold a piece of land in his village on the advice of his friends. Presently the complainant was residing in her parental house at Delhi. She stated that her husband provided no money for her maintenance for several years and that he had retained the children in his custody. Aggrieved by the situation she submitted her complaint to the Commission. The matter was taken up by the NCW and both the parties were called for a personal hearing at the Commission on an appointed date and were duly heard and counseled. As a result of the above, the husband agreed in writing that he would refrain from beating his wife and children, would support them, would not sell the remaining land in the village without the permission of his wife and would also not consume liquor.
- 7. The NCW received a complaint in November 2008 from Mrs. G; resident of New Delhi alleging that she had been subjected to dowry demand, harassment and torture by her husband and in-laws. An Action Taken Report was sought by the NCW, from the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh and as a result a compromise had been arrived at between both the parties and the dispute amicably resolved.
- 8. The NCW received a complaint from Mrs. D, a resident of New Delhi in November 2008 stating that she had been harassed and tortured in addition to being financially deprived by her husband and in-laws .The matter was taken up by the Commission and an Action Taken Report was sought from Senior Superintendent of Police, Faridabad, after which both the parties had arrived at a compromise to live in harmony.
- 9. The NCW received a complaint from Ms. X of Ghaziabad District, Uttar Pradesh, aged about 35 years, afflicted with health problems, regarding

alleged mental torture and gender discrimination meted out to her by her parents. On the Commission taking up the matter and counseling both the parties, after a personal hearing, the parents agreed to pay due attention to their aggrieved daughter based on which the complainant requested for closure of the case.

- 10. The NCW received a complaint from Mrs. X of Delhi regarding dowry demand and harassment meted out by her husband and in-laws. The Commission called both the parties for a personal hearing during which it was observed that the complainant and her husband had minor differences which had been escalated on account of negligence by the husband thereby compelling her to leave her matrimonial home. As a result of personal hearing and effective follow-up, the parties arrived at a compromise.
- 11. The NCW received a complaint from Mrs. X alleging that her husband and in-laws were continuously harassing, torturing and subjecting her to physical and mental torture / domestic violence. The Commission took up the matter and an Action Taken Report was sought from the Superintendent of Police, District Karnal (Haryana), requesting him to look into the complaint and to submit a report of the factual details of the case. In response to the same, the NCW received an Action Taken Report from the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Karnal, wherein it was stated that an F.I.R. under Sections 323/506/34 of IPC had been registered against the alleged persons. In addition to this, the complainant had also initiated proceedings under Section 12 of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, which is pending in the Court.
- 12. The NCW received a complaint from Mrs. Y, a resident of District Bulandshahar of Uttar Pradesh, alleging that her daughter Ms. A has been kidnapped / abducted by the alleged persons named in her complaint. She further alleged that she approached the concerned Police Station for action but neither her F.I.R. was registered nor was she provided with any help from the concerned Police Officials. She prayed for NCW's intervention so that her daughter may be recovered. The NCW immediately sought an Action Taken Report from the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Bulandshahar, Uttar Pradesh. Thereafter, the NCW received an Action Taken Report from the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Bulandshahar, wherein it was stated that an F.I.R. under Sections 363 / 366 of IPC has been registered against the accused persons. One of the accused persons has been arrested and sent to Jail whereas the kidnapped girl has been recovered. In addition to this, after further investigation of the case, Section 376 of IPC has also been added in the aforesaid F.I.R.
- 13. The NCW received a complaint from Ms. 'A', a resident of District Faridabad, (Haryana), alleging that she has been abducted and gang-raped by the alleged persons. She further stated that she had reported the matter to the concerned Police and an F.I.R. has been registered at Faridabad. However, she alleged that the police have not yet arrested all the accused persons. She also approached the Director General of Police, Haryana, Inspector General of Police, Faridabad Range and Senior Superintendent of Police, Faridabad, for needful help and intervention in the matter but

could not get any positive response from them. Being aggrieved, she approached the NCW and submitted her complaint. The NCW took up the matter with the Senior Superintendent of Police, Faridabad, and requested him to submit an Action Taken Report on the matter. Thereafter, the NCW received an Action Taken Report from the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Faridabad, wherein it was stated that the matter was enquired into and upon investigation it was found that the charges against one of the accused persons were true who has been arrested whereas the other accused persons had no role in the commission of the alleged offense.

- 14. The NCW received a complaint from Mrs. X, a resident of Gurgaon District of Haryana, alleging that she has been subjected to harassment / torture / cruelty / domestic violence by her husband and brother-in-law. The Commission took up the matter and both the parties were called for a personal hearing and counseling at the Commission. As a result of mediation, the complainant and her husband resolved their differences. Both the parties were also advised to minimize the interference of respective their in-laws into their personal lives. The complainant went to her matrimonial home along with her husband. Two follow-ups have been conducted in this regard, which has confirmed that the parties are living in harmony.
- 15. The NCW received a complaint from Smt. K, a resident of District Moradabad of Uttar Pradesh, alleged that she has been subjected to sexual harassment at her work place. She had alleged in her complaint that during some meeting one teacher Mr. R uttered un-parliamentary words to her in the presence of some other employees, which were named in the complaint. The Commission took up the matter and an Action Taken Report was sought from the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh. Thereafter, the Commission received an ATR from the aforesaid authority wherein it was stated that the matter has been amicably resolved between the parties and they have agreed to maintain good relations in future.