



Press Release

NCW Constitutes Fact-Finding Committee to Investigate the Sexual Assault Incident at Anna University, Chennai

The National Commission for Women has taken suo moto cognizance of a media report regarding a disturbing incident at Anna University, Chennai. According to the report, a food vendor named Gananasekran allegedly entered the university campus, sexually assaulted a 19-year-old girl, and physically assaulted her male friend. The accused is said to be a habitual offender with a history of such crimes. The NCW has already issued a notice to the Tamil Nadu DGP in this regard.

The Hon'ble Chairperson of the National Commission for Women, Ms. Vijaya Rahatkar, has constituted a two-member Fact-Finding Committee to investigate the matter. The committee comprises Smt. Mamta Kumari, Member of the National Commission for Women, and Mr. Praveen Dixit, IPS (Retd.), former DGP of Maharashtra, and Special Rapporteur for the Maharashtra and Goa zone, NHRC.

The committee will investigate the case, examine the circumstances leading to the incident, and assess the actions taken by the authorities. It will also interact with concerned officials, the victim, her family, friends, and various NGOs to ascertain the facts and propose measures to prevent the recurrence of such incidents.

The Fact-Finding Committee is likely to visit Chennai on Monday, December 30, 2024.