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1. MARINE DRIVE RAPE CASE

On 21st April 2005, "rape most foul", was perpetrated at a police Chowki located adjacent to the marine Lines Railway station in south Mumbai by an on duty police Constable named Sunil Atmaram More. The abhorrent incident, committed by a policeman, who was reportedly in an inebriated condition and raped the victim aged about 17 years in the chowki. The act being out rightly condemnable, the incident impelled the National Commission for Women, to take immediate cognizance of the incident.

2. IMRANA RAPE CASE

The Inquiry Committee was constituted to inquire into the alleged rape of]Imrana , resident of Charthawal, in District Muzzaffarnagar by her father-in-law The incident was reported by the Asian age and other Newspaper, on which the National Commission for Women took immediate cognizance and issued notices to the district Police, directing them to register a case of rape

- 3. The Commission held on the spot enquiries and investigations through duly constituted committees. The Committees comprised of persons with the expertise to handle the subject.
- 4. The Commission received a complaint from Smt. Shanti Devi, w/o Mangelal Rao, Village Kanana, District Barmer, Rajasthan, alleging that for the last 2 years widow pension, due to her, had been stopped. She had been declared dead. She represented to the concerned department for redressal but no action was taken by the concerned authorities. On the receipt of the complaint, the matter was taken up with the District Collector, Barmer and the Collector informed the Commission that the stand of Shanti Devi had been found to be correct and necessary instructions had been issued by the District Collector to the Treasury office, Barmer. Also the concerned Patwari had been proceeded against departmentally for stopping the pension on false grounds.
- 5. Ms. Rupali Jain had represented to the Commission that her services in a school run by a non-governmental organization were terminated without assigning any reason. She had taken leave for appearing in an examination. The Commission had taken up the matter with the District Collector, Ferozabad, who reported to the Commission that on the intervention of the Commission. Ms. Rupali Jain had been allowed to join back as her grievance was found to be genuine.

- 6. Smt. Chanchal Bajaj, a resident of Delhi represented to the Commission that she owned a flat at Gurgaon jointly with her son. Her son got married and was residing at Gurgaon in a rented flat. Smt. Bajaj allowed her son to shift to the Gurgaon flat after getting its possession. Earlier, Smt. Bajaj was residing in government accommodation. She is now residing in a flat in Delhi on rent which she cannot afford. Therefore, she, too, wanted to shift into the Gurgaon flat. However, her son and daughter-in-law did not allow her to enter into the flat. The matter was taken up in the Commission and three counseling sessions were held. Thereafter, Sachin Bajaj, son of Chanchal Bajaj gave a cheque of Rs.5, 49,000/- to his mother after selling the flat at Gurgaon. The matter was, thus, compromised with the intervention of the Commission to the satisfaction of both the parties.
- 7. Smt. Savitri, a resident of Kotdwar, Uttaranchal, approached the Commission regarding exploitation of her deaf and dumb daughter Sunita (name changed). Sunita was studying in a school in New Delhi. Savitri was the neighbour of Mahendra Prasad. Rohit Kumar (name changed), son of Mahendra Prasad, was also staying at the same time in R.K.Puram, New Delhi in connection with his studies. A few years ago, Savitri withdrew her daughter from the Deaf and Dumb School and brought her to her house at Kotdwar. Rohit Kumar used to visit the girl at her house in Kotdwar and during these meetings, developed physical intimacy, on account of which, Sunita became pregnant. When the complainant got to know about this development, she pressurized Rohit Kumar to marry her daughter, where upon Sunita and Rohit Kumar were married in July, 2004 in Kotdwar. The marriage was also registered. In August, 2004, Mahendra Prasad disowned his son and daughter-in-law. In October, 2004, Sunita delivered a daughter. Thereafter, Rohit Kumar deserted her. At this juncture, the complainant approached NCW. Earlier, the complainant had approached the police for obtaining justice but she was not heard by anyone. The Commission summoned SP, Pauri Garhwal to the Commission, urging him to take necessary action. After the Commission's intervention, the police traced the husband and counseled him. He has now agreed to rehabilitate his wife and daughter.
- 8. Mrs. Sudha Bala (name changed) was allegedly gang-raped by BSF personnel in early 2002 at Gojhadanga at Indo-Bangladesh Border under the district of North 24 Parganas. Since then the victim along with her young daughter had been passing days in the Presidency Jail at Kolkata simply because of non-submission of charge-sheet by Police although a case under section 376 I.P.C. was duly registered against the BSF personnel. The matter was taken up by the Commission for the release of rape victim from the jail and arrangement for her rehabilitation. The joint efforts of the National Commission for Women and the West Bengal State Commission for Women resulted in the release of Mrs. Das from jail, who was given into safe custody to her brother. The Commission was assisted by the Department of Social

- Welfare, Government of West Bengal, the SP of North 24 Parganas, advocates at Basirhat Court and the Presidency Jail authorities.
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