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## PRESS NOTE

The National Commission for Women is concerned about Miss Anjalli Gupta who has alleged sexual harassment against her IAF superior officers. It is understood that an inquiry committee has been set up by the Indian Air Force for looking into the allegations made by her. In this regard, the Chairperson of the National Commission for Women has written a letter to Sh. Pranab Mukherjee, Union Minister for Defense. The Chairperson underlined the need for the enquiry to be conducted as per the guidelines given by the Supreme Court in the Vishakha judgement. While the Commission is pleased about the induction of women officers in the Armed Forces, it should be ensured that adequate safeguards should be taken for women employees in the armed forces.

[Romi Sharma]