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The National Commission for Women in exercise of power vested with the Commission under Section 8(1), read with Section 10(1) and 10(4) of the National Commission for Women Act, 1990 has taken the suo-moto cognizance to enquire into the incident of a 18 years old dalit girl and her 70 years old father were burnt alive on 21st April, 2010 when a mob belonging to a dominant community torched several houses belonging to dalit families in Mirchipur village in Hissar district in Haryana. An enquiry committee under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Wansuk Syiem has been constituted in this regard.

The Inquiry Committee shall inquire into the circumstances, leading to the incident and the action taken by the authorities. The Committee shall meet the concerned police officials and other such persons as it deems proper to ascertain the facts and circumstances and the protection provided to dalit families.

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