

## **National Commission for Women**

## Press Note

**New Delhi, 04**<sup>th</sup> **October 2018:** In the matter of Shri P.C. George, MLA, Poonjar, who allegedly made objectionable remarks about the nun who has filed complaint of rape against Bishop Franco Mulakkal, Shri George was sent a notice to appear before the Commission on 04<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.

Last month. Shri P.C. George failed to appear himself on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 and sought another date from the Commission. Accepting his plea, he was given an opportunity to appear before the Commission on 04<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.

Shri George failed to appear himself on 04<sup>th</sup> October, 2018; his representative Counsel came on his behalf and stated that the MLA could not present himself due to unavoidable circumstance. During the hearing, the representative Counsel requested for all necessary information and documents of the statements made by Shri George from the Commission.

Smt. Rekha Sharma informed him that all media reports related to Shri George's objectionable remarks about the nun are available on the internet/print/electronic media.

The representative Counsel also sought time upto  $13^{\rm th}$  November, 2018 to submit a reply in the matter and has stated that an F.I.R has been registered in the matter on  $1^{\rm st}/2^{\rm nd}$  October, 2018 in Kuravilangad Police Station, Kerala.

The Commission has taken serious note of the fact that Shri George did not appear before the Commission even though he had sought for another date in his letter to the National Commission for Women dated 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

The Commission heard the representative Counsel and has allowed time to submit the reply. The Commission has directed Shri George to appear before the Commission in person on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.