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To,

The Chief Secretary
Govt. Of Madhya Pradesh
Bhopal, MP

Sub- Recommendations of the Inquiry Committee

Sir,

I am directed to state that the National Commission for Women (NCW) has taken suo motu cognizance of the media report which appeared in Hindustan Times newspaper on 28.05.2013, 2013, titled "Two year old murdered by inmate in Gwalior jail" wherein reportedly a female inmate's child was killed by another mentally ill inmate in Gwalior Central Jail, Madhya Pradesh.

After looking into the facts and circumstances of the present case, the Commission strongly recommends the following:-

RECOMMENDATIONS

Safety: To improve the safety level in Gwalior Jail special settings be created to accommodate the chronically disturbed women in order to minimise the chances of inmates and children being attacked. In addition to increase staff and security.

Emotional well being : To provide Female Ward with staff who are supportive, sensitive and caring, and avoid aggressive use of power, in order to reduce female inmates experiencing emotional breakdown / violent tendencies.

Quality mental health services: To provide quality mental health services for women in criminal justice system overcoming systemic barriers.

Gender – responsive approach : To address the mental health needs of women offenders by designing programs involving a gender- responsive approach that includes comprehensive services that take into account the content and context of women’s lives; and sensitivity to women’s needs.

Research: To conduct research on the number of women inmates in jail in the State with mental health needs in order to address the challenge.

Child related: To make available a child-friendly space for childcare and age-appropriate equipment, education and activities for children of inmates. Also to include local school children in a community program where they visit the jail and interact with the children inside jail.

I am directed to communicate that the State Government is requested to kindly take appropriate action in the matter and kindly intimate the Commission about action taken expeditiously under Section 8 (1), read with Sections 10(1) and (4) of the NCW Act, 1990.

Yours sincerely,



(Raj Singh)
Deputy Secretary