

PRESS RELEASE

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National Commission for Women (NCW) has taken suo-moto cognizance of the media reports wherein the editor-in-chief of a well known magazine has rescued himself from his role for six months after a female colleague working in the same organization pressed allegations of sexual misconduct against him. Taking serious note of the incident NCW has written a letter to the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Markendey Katju, The Chairman of Press Council of India requesting him to intervene and examine the matter as per Vishakha case Guidelines of Supreme Court and apprise the Commission about it.

Quoting the excerpts from the confession letter of the accused, which was sent to the managing Editor of Tehelka News, the Commission called it as a "self explanatory" and directed the Goa Director General of Police to register an FIR in the matter and apprise about the action taken report within three days' period.

In an another letter to Ms. Shoma Choudhary, Managing Editor, Tehelka News, the Commission has asked the details of the sexual harassment committee formed and also all the relevant documents including letters of complainant and respondent within 24 hours.

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