



National Commission for Women

Press Note

The National Commission for Women has taken cognizance of a media report captioned “**Delhi’s Bara Hindu Rao Hospital issues dress code for girls on campus**” appeared in The New Indian Express dated 15th September 2019 wherein it has been reported that the Bara Hindu Rao Hospital has issued hostel guidelines to adhere to a dress code and also maintain decorum in the hostel and the campus as it is inside the residential complex of hospital employees. It is further stated in the notice that “Any kind of high-risk behavior on the part of MBBS students who are living in the hostels will lead to issue of warning and expulsion from hostels”.

The Commission had taken a strong objection to this diktat and issued a show cause notice to the college. Taking Suo-motu cognizance of media reports regarding moral policing rules in the hostel, the Commission has asked the college authorities to explain their stand on the sexiest rules and what do they mean by the phrase ‘high-risk behaviour’.

Ms. Rekha Sharma, Chairperson, NCW said, “We have always been against moral policing of any sort and in this case the authorities have gone a step ahead by forming a biased rule only for women students. Crime against women doesn’t have anything to do with the dress of an individual; it is the abnormal mental state of the criminal which leads him to commit such a heinous crime. I don’t understand how can an educational institute of such a high reputation can issue such dress code and word it so badly.”