



NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

PRESS NOTE

NCW takes cognizance

New Delhi, November 18, 2022: The National Commission for Women has come across a video on Twitter alleging that a Dalit couple in Damoh, Madhya Pradesh was converted to Christianity in exchange for money by a religious leader and his people. When the couple stopped attending church, the religious leader and his followers allegedly threatened them and demanded four times as much money as given earlier. It has also been alleged that the couple complained to the Police as well, however, no action was taken in the matter.

The Commission has taken cognizance of the incident. Chairperson Ms Rekha Sharma has written to the Director General of Police, Madhya Pradesh that a FIR be filed immediately and that the accused and his gang be detained, if the allegations are confirmed.

In addition, the Commission has demanded strict action against the negligent police officers for their lack of action in the case. The Commission has also written to District Collector, Damoh seeking strict action against the individuals, if the accusations made are proven to be accurate.