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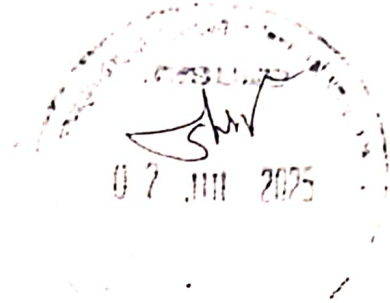
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Case No.- 791/12/8/2025-wc

To,

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Subject: Additional Information Called for (AIC) -791/12/8/2025-wc.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that the matter was considered by the Commission on 01/07/2025 and the Commission has directed as follows:

1. The complainant alleged that there is an organised crime being committed against female students of a private college in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. The complainant alleged that the accused befriended the female students and trapped them in a love trap, raped them and made obscene videos of them. The accused concealed their identity and pressured them for conversion and marriage. Urgent action is required to safeguard the dignity and safety of students.
2. Vide proceedings dated 26.04.2025, the Bench of the National Human Rights Commission, presided by Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Hon'ble Member, had taken cognizance u/s 12 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, in the matter. The Registry was directed to send the complaint to the authority concerned and issue a notice to CP, Bhopal, MP, with directions to get the allegations made in the complaint looked into and to submit an Action Taken Report within two weeks for perusal of the Commission. In addition, the Commission directed the DG(I), NHRC, to form a team and Registrar (Law) was also directed to be a part of the Investigation team and conduct a thorough inquiry.
3. As per the directions of the Hon'ble Commission, the team of NHRC comprising of DSP Smt. Monia Uppal, Insp. Santhosh Kumar R and Ct. M N Rout carried out spot enquiry into the allegations of the complainant from 13.05.2025 to 17.05.2025.

4. During the course of the inquiry, the team of NHRC visited the office of the Police Commissioner, Bhopal, concerned police stations, XXXX College, Bhopal, and Club 90 premises. The team examined the available victims and their family members. The team also examined independent witnesses, concerned police officials, and concerned officials of BMC and XXXX College Bhopal. The team also interacted with the police commissioner and District Magistrate, Bhopal. The team obtained relevant documents from the concerned authorities.

5. The team submitted the findings, conclusion and recommendations which were appeared to be incomplete and inconclusive. Upon perusal of the facts of the case, it revealed that Farhan, the main accused in this case was in touch with several persons across the State of Madhya Pradesh as well as outside and his criminal network in connection with the crime in different States cannot be ruled out. However, the findings of Team remain silent on this aspect. Such a network of crime within the state as well as pan-India, if any, needs to be ascertained. Further, there is no whisper regarding the relationship between the main accused, Farhan and Shariq Machli. The accused Shariq Machli appears to be involved with the prime accused in this entire case as he has a close connection with college students and Club-90. The report is also silent on working of Anti-Ragging Cell in the college premises which is mandatory as per UGC guidelines notified as "Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009" in compliance of Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 08.05.2009 in Civil Appeal No. 887/2009, in "University of Kerala vs Council, Principals' Colleges, Kerala and Ors." These regulations are mandatory for all universities/ institutions.

In view thereof, the DG(I) is directed to send an Inquiry Team headed by an officer, not below the rank of SSP and submit its report within four weeks.

6. Meanwhile, considering the facts of the given case, gravity and circumstances, and in view of taking urgent action, the Commission issues the following directions to:

I. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal:

i. Regarding Education of all victims: Out of five victims, three victims who were pursuing their studies from named Pvt College, Bhopal left their studies in between out of fear of the accused persons. They all want to continue their studies. Therefore, the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, is directed to take immediate necessary action and ensure that all three victims (victims of [REDACTED] PS Jahangirabad; [REDACTED] PS Ashoka Garden and [REDACTED] PS Ashoka Garden) continue their studies. During the inquiry, it was found by the Team of NHRC that there are 2-3 more girls who admitted the wrongdoing by the accused Farhan but do not want to report the incident to the police. They don't want to expose their identities even before the concerned police. Therefore, the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, is further directed to ensure that educations of these victims are also not hampered. Pertinently, the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, will also ensure that all these victims get admission in their desired courses in new college.

ii. Providing scholarships: The concerned authorities to take immediate measures to provide scholarships to the victims of SC/ST/OBC categories to pursue their studies till completion of academic education, which was discontinued due to trauma and fear of the accused. The State Government will also ensure that victims get their amount of old

scholarship, which was reportedly have not been paid to the victims during their earlier studies.

iii. [REDACTED]

iv. Regarding Security: The Commission received the requests from all victims expressed apprehensive therein regarding their security and sought intervention of the Commission in this regard. Therefore, considering the gravity and sensitivity of the incidents, assess the threat perception in each case, and provide adequate and continuous security to the victims as deemed necessary.

v. Regarding monetary relief to victims: Upon perusal of the inquiry report of the Investigation Division, it appears that no compensation has been initiated either by the police or the victims under the Victim Compensation Scheme, 2018, till the conduct of spot inquiry. The report also revealed that proposal has been initiated by the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh to grant Rs 50,000/- each victim from the Chief Minister's Fund. However, considering the gravity of offence, this amount appears to be meager. Therefore, the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, is directed to expedite the process and ensure that all victims get interim monetary relief of Rs. 5,00,000/- each immediately. The Govt. of Madhya Pradesh is directed to disburse Rs. 6,00,000/- to the victim No. 1 (Case No 254/2025 PS Bagesvaria), being a minor victim and invocation of POCSO in registered FIR.

vi. Entrusting of Civil Society Organization: The civil society organizations are key partners and play important role in combating human trafficking, ragging, sexual harassment, prosecution and rehabilitation of victims. In the present case, if any civil society organization comes forward or shows interest to work on to create awareness for prevention, rehabilitation and reintegration among students, the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, will ensure to entrust them.

II The Director General of Police, Madhya Pradesh:

i. Find out more victims: Total five cases are registered in the present incident, however, victim no. 5 ([REDACTED] PC 421 Bageh) refused for medical examination and other 2-3 victims did not come forward. Therefore, it is responsibility of the Police Dept. to create safe, accessible and supportive environment to encourage all the victims to come forward, register the complaint against the accused. Its crucial to provide a supportive and confidential environment and also in order to ensure that all victims should come forward, the police should reach out to the college as well. The focus should be on minimizing trauma and empowering the victim to come forward and lodge the FIR

ii Demolition of Club 90 without prior approval: The Club-90 premises, located on the banks of Hathaikheda Dam, were leased to Meharban Singh Gujjar in 2021 by the Bhopal Municipal Corporation. According to the terms of the lease agreement, Club-90 was to be operated solely as a restaurant by the lessee himself and in contrary, the premises were sublet. It has a very close proximity to the college and allegedly used in the crime. However, it was destroyed and demolished without prior intimation and without collecting

evidence from the alleged crime scene. Therefore, departmental action be taken against responsible police officers for this major lapse and forensic investigation of Club 90 is required for fair investigation of the case.

iii. Departmental action against concerned police officer. Victim-1 (Case No. 254/2025 PS Bagsevania) reported the incident of rape by the accused, Farhan Khan in Indore by calling the police through Dial 100. Although she explicitly stated that she had been raped, the police officer who attended the call failed to take the matter seriously. The official recorded the call in a manner suggesting that the victim had denied the occurrence of rape and advised her to visit the police station the following morning to file a complaint. This response reflects gross negligence and a callous attitude on the part of the police personnel in handling a complaint regarding a heinous crime such as rape and liable to face departmental action.

7. From the facts as emerging from the initial police investigation and the facts as collected by the team of the Investigation Division of the NHRC so far, the allegations of the complainant appear to be true. It is a real and serious issue, involving deceitful romantic relationships and, thereafter, sexual exploitation and forced conversions of Hindu girls. The Commission is of the considered view that it is a fundamental right to choose a partner of one's choice; however, "forcible, deceitful or dishonest" religious conversion is unacceptable, which is as equal as "Pattern of Dominant Gender Crime of Trafficking"

8. Considering the facts of present case and serious nature of crime, there is a need for a more rigorous investigation to unearth the truth and finding out possible network of crime inside of state as well as pan-India to protect the children and teenage girls from sexual exploitation and "Pattern of Dominant Gender Crime of Trafficking".

9. In view of the above and the reasons stated above, a compliance report be submitted as directed by the Commission hereinabove in Sl. No. 6, within two weeks.

10. The authorities are directed that a copy of the report be also sent on e-mail: bench-mpk@gov.in

2. It is therefore, requested that the additional/complete report as directed by the Commission in the matter be sent latest by 25/07/2025, for further consideration by the Commission.

Your's faithfully

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