BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

9, Bailey Road, Patna File No. BHRC/Comp.3835/14

(Suo Motu Cognizance)

Subject: Gangrape of five girls belonging to SC category Case of Bhojpur distt.

BHRC takes Suo Motu cognizance of news captioned "पांच लड़कियों से सामूहिक दुष्कर्म" published in Hindi Daily "दैनिक जागरण" today. Reportedly 5(five) girls belonging to SC category (some of whom were even minor) had gone to a scrap dealer in a village in PS. Sikarhatta, distt. Bhojpur on 8th October,2014 for selling the scraps collected from their nearby village. They were forcibly detained in the scrap dealer shop, forced to consume drinks and later raped one by one by three persons. They were also threatened not to disclose it to anyone. According to the F.I.R lodged by their family members the shop belongs to Neelnidhi Singh an ex. Area Commander of Ranvir Sena (an erstwhile militant outfit of landlords). Reportedly Jai Prakash Singh, brother of Neelnidhi Singh and an accused in the instant case, has been arrested by the police. Medical examination of the victims could not be done till late in the evening yesterday. According to the media report quoting SP, Bhojpur, complicity of Neelnidhi Singh, his brother and his employee Jagu has come to light in the instant case and SP, Bhojpur is camping at Piro Sub divisional Head Quarters for supervising follow up action.

2. SP, Bhojpur & DM, Bhojpur are directed to submit action taken reports to the Commission by 31st October, 2014. The report should include police response to the incident and actions taken for providing compensation to the victims under SC/ST (Prevention of atrocities) Rules, 1995.

3. Copy of the order be **faxed** to (i) **DM**, **Bhojpur** (ii) **SP**, **Bhojpur** for **necessary action** and to the (iii) **Principal Secretary**, **Home deptt**, Govt. of Bihar (iv) **Director General of Police**, **Bihar** for information.

4. A copy of news paper clipping be also enclosed.

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Date: 10.10.2014

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