

30-11-2023

The complaint is regarding sexual exploitation of women prisoners of Beaur prison, Patna. It was forwarded for report to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patna long back. The senior supdt. of Police, Patna vide has letter No. 530 dt. 12-01-2023 has forwarded report to which communication No. 865 dt. 12-12-2022 of Addl. S. P, Phulwarisharif, Patna and communication dt. 08-12-2022 of P.S. O Beaur Police Station is merely enclosed. No finding in respect of allegations in the complaint is given by the Sr. Supdt. of Police, Patna. There seems to be total non-application of mind by the Police authorities. Instead of visiting the women ward of the Prison and recording statements of women prisoners though the lady Police Officer, Police authorities went on searching the complainant and phone numbers. It is a matter of common knowledge that in such cases of sexual harassment of prisoners, the complaint is generally pseudonymous. It is therefore expected of the Commission to inquire this complaint of sexual harassment of lady prisoners but the commission is handicapped as it has no lady Police Officer. Provided by the State. In such situation, the complaint is forwarded to the Addl. Chief Secretary, Home Department of the State with a direction to depute a responsible lady Police Officer to the Beaur Prison and to conduct inquiry into allegations of sexual harassment of women prisoners. The report thereof be forwarded to the Commission in four weeks. Copy of the order be forwarded to all concerned.

Put up after four weeks. The Secretary is directed to comply this order forthwith.

Put up on 23-01-2024

**(Ananta Manohar Badar)**

**Chairperson**