

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
(LAW DIVISION)
FARIDKOT HOUSE
COPERNICUS MARG, NEW DELHI - 110 001

Dated 28/02/2008

Case No. 712/34/2005-2006-WC

13/03/08

To

SUHAS CHAKMA
R/O C/OC-3/441-C, JANAK PURI
WEST DELHI, DELHI.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to your complaint dated 27/08/2005, I am directed to say that the matter was considered by the Commission on 30/01/2008. The Commission has made the following directions.

Dignity of women is a sacred human right. The society zealously guards against the violation of such right. Sometimes, however, such incidents of violation are blown out of proportion for the sake of publicity, thus bringing more agony to the victim. This is precisely what appears to have happened in this case.

A twenty three year old Dalit woman was gang-raped by five persons. She became pregnant and delivered a baby girl. Shri Suhas Chakama of Asian Centre for Human Rights complained to the Commission that the Panchayat of the village decreed for auction of the woman and her child and the duo was sold to a sixty year old man for Rs. six only.

The Commission took cognizance of the matter and called for a report from DGP, Jharkhand. A report dated 12.11.2005 of SP, Latehar was forwarded to the Commission. The report discloses that a criminal case No. 81/2005 u/s 376 G IPC and Section 3 (12) of the Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act was registered against the rapists. Financial assistance of Rs.25,000/- was given to the victim as required by law. It is further reported that the woman was married to a twenty seven year old person according to customary rites and she is leading a happy married life.

The allegation of auction of the woman is not thus substantiated. The case is closed.

This is for your information.

Yours faithfully,

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR(LAW)