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PRESS STATEMENT

AIIMS REPLY TO NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED CASTES IN THE MATTER OF MS. SHASHI MAWAR, LECTURER COLLEGE OF NURSING

The AIIMS has received a letter dated January 22, 2016 from the National Commission for Scheduled Castes enclosing therewith a representation on Janhit Abhiyan dated December 18, 2015 regarding implementation of the NCSC recommendation dated October 1, 2015 in the matter of Ms. Shashi Mawar, Lecturer College of Nursing. In this regard, AIIMS has made the following submissions to the National Commission for Scheduled Castes.:

The Institute has submitted that it holds the Commission in highest esteem. The AIIMS is deeply committed to maintaining social harmony in the Institute's environment and functioning to achieve its stated goal of excellence in Medical educations, research and patient care. Senior AIIMS officials have appeared before the Commission in a number of cases and have always in their submissions reiterated the AIIMS deep commitment for social equality in the Institute.

In the case of Ms. Shashi Mawar, the Institute has submitted a compliance report to the Commission, in which directions have been issued through the Medical Superintendent to Ms. Shashi Mawar's line of reporting through the Chief Nursing Officer who is an officer senior to her.

It is further submitted that there is multiplicity of litigation/references into the death of Ms. Pallavi Grover a nursing student where Ms. Shashi Mawar's name features. The following cases are currently being heard on the subject:-

National Human Right Commission (Case No. 8866/30/8/2014/OC filed by Shri Prem Prakash Grover)

Delhi Commission for Women (Complaint No. 14129118 filed by Smt. Neelam Grover, mother of Late Pallavi Grover)In Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Saket (FIR under section 306/504 of Indian Penal code).

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An internal enquiry report conducted by AIIMS into the death of late Ms. Pallavi Grover had recommended that Ms. Shashi Mawar be kept away from Nursing College in all capacities to assuage the feelings/emotions of Nursing students. The Institute has constituted an internal committee primarily with the mandate to examine if Ms. Shashi Mawar can be posted back to the Nursing College without large-scale student protests as has happened in the past. The committee has met once, but given the large sensitivities involved in the subject, felt the need to have a wider consultation with parents, students and faculty before giving its report.

The Institute has submitted to the National Commission for Scheduled Castes that the representation dated 18.11.2015 from Janhit Abhiyan is devoid of facts, and may kindly be filed.

1 None

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Chairperson

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