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To,

Smti Pratibha Devisingh Patil,
Her Excellency the President of India,
Rashtrapati Bhawan,
New Delhi.

Sub: Appeal for review of Arunachal Pradesh Bill for Protection of Customary Laws and Social Practices of 1994.

Respected Madam,

I, on behalf of Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women and Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society (APWWS), Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh extend our gratefulness to you for given me this unique and rare opportunity to draw your Excellency's attention towards the subject mentioned above.

That Madam, the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh introduced a bill on protection of customary laws and social practices prevalent in the state of Arunachal Pradesh in 1994, and was passed in the state legislative assembly, and the same was send to the President of India, New Delhi for assent. But Madam, as a matter of fact that, the customary laws and the social practices are the two important aspects. One is bad practices of evils, child marriage, force marriage and polygamy practices which need to be stopped which are affecting the good lives of women and children.

On the other hand, there are good practices of tribal societies which are worth preserving and protecting good for the societies and future generation for which State Women Organisation never opposes it, such as rich culture and traditional dresses and customs faith and believes.

Secondly, as per the central conduct service (21) rule, Government employees who undertake not to marriage more than one husband/wife in whole service life, but it has gone now violation of CCS(21) rule by marrying more than one wife, on the pretext of customary law and social practices in Arunachal Pradesh.

It is therefore, felt that the said pending bill on protection of customary laws and social practices may be reviewed as a legal customary laws and social practices prevalent in our society by removing the evil practices of customs and social practices for the greater interest of new generation in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and the pending bill may please be brought as customary laws in Arunachal Pradesh as early as possible.

With warm regards and Namaskar.

Yours faithfully,


(Mrs. Gumri Ringu)
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Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women
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To,

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Hon'ble former Chief Justice of India,
New Delhi.

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Dated: 05/01/2013

Sir,

I on behalf of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women, would like to put forward following few suggestions for your kind attention, which is in response to your invitation for the suggestion for amending Indian law.

1. **Submission of charge sheet:-** Charge sheet should be submitted within prescribed time frame, so that trial case could be completed within the time frame.
2. **Fast track court:-** Each state should have fast track court for speedy trial of the case related to crime against woman like Rape, Murder and Sexual assault cases.
3. **Establishment of Forensic Laboratory:-** Every state must have a well equipped forensic laboratory with required man power.
4. An appropriate action should be initiated against the concern police personal, who are causing undue delay in the investigation of the case.
5. The investigation officer should not be transferred till the completion of the charge sheet of that particular case.
6. **Punishment for Rape:-** Death penalty must be awarded to the person who has committed rape and murder. And life imprisonment must be awarded in the case of rape and sexual assault.
7. **Habituated criminal:-** The habituated criminal who has committed crime against woman like rape and murder/Molestation and Sexual assault, should be debarred from getting government job and to become public representative etc.

I sincerely hope that under your dynamic chairmanship an amended law will come up to pave the way for safety and security of half of population of our great country India.

With warm regards and Namaskar,

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Chairperson,
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C-Sector, Itanagar (A.P)

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GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
'C'-SECTOR, ITANAGAR-791111**

No. APSCW/Est/Misc-113/2011

Dated... 22/06/12

To

The Hon'ble Chief Minister,
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh,
Itanagar.

With a genuine concern for the purpose of protecting the interest of the women and guarantee their progress and development. The govt. of Arunachal Pradesh has constituted THE ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN (APSCW) in the year 2005. Till date the commission with team of dedicated members are striving towards bringing justice to the issues that affects the women and children within the state of Arunachal Pradesh.

The latest crime statistics of the state shows that there are more than sixty cases of rape and one hundred and sixty odd cases of crimes committed against women within a span of a year, and the numbers keep increasing day by day. The attack of journalist, media house, especially on Associate editor Ms Tongam Rina has deeply shocked and saddened every citizen of the state. The Commission appreciate the state for extending all possible medical help for Ms Tongam Rina and her family, but at the same time request the law enforcing agencies to immediately book the culprit and award exemplary punishment as per the law of the land.

While highlighting the above, the Commission would like to re-iterate the Govt. to take note of our concerns that has been recommended in our Annual Report 2010 -2011, which was placed before the State Legislature during Budget session, March 2012.

In addition to the above, we would like to make a submission on the following so that immediately measures are taken to check crime against women.

1. Bail should not be granted in heinous crimes like rape and murder.
2. Police security for victim and families.
3. Appointment of Child Marriage prevention officer under the Child Marriage Prohibition Act 2006, in order to implement the Act letter and spirit and also check Child Marriages.

4. Recruitment of more women police personals and opening of separate Women cell in every police station to handle cases/ crime relating to women/ children.
5. Independent functioning of Judiciary.



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Chairperson, APSCW
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Itanagar.

Dated.....22/02/2012.....

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Copy to:

1. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar for kind information.
2. Director, General of Police, APP Itanagar, Papum Pare District for kind information.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Papum Pare District for kind information.
4. Office copy.

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APSCW reiterates recommendations

ITANAGAR, Aug 22: The Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) has reiterated its request to the GoAP to address the concerns raised by the commission over the rising instances of crimes against women in the state, reminding the GoAP of the recommendations made by the APSCW in its 2011-12 annual report which was placed before the state legislature during budget session in March last.

The latest crime statistics of the state shows that there are more than 60 cases of rape and 160 odd cases of crimes committed against women - including the murderous attack on journalist Tongpa Rina - within a span of a year, and the numbers keep increasing day by day, the APSCW said in representation to the chief minister today.

The commission recommended a series of steps to check crimes against women, including not granting bail in rape and murder cases; providing police security to victims and their families; appointing a child marriage prevention officer under the Child Marriage Prohibition Act 2006; recruiting more women police personnel; establishing a separate woman's cell in every police station in the state; and separating the judiciary from the executive.

Cash reward stands: Informer(s)

President pleaded to 'review' AP Protection of Customary Laws & Social Practices Bill

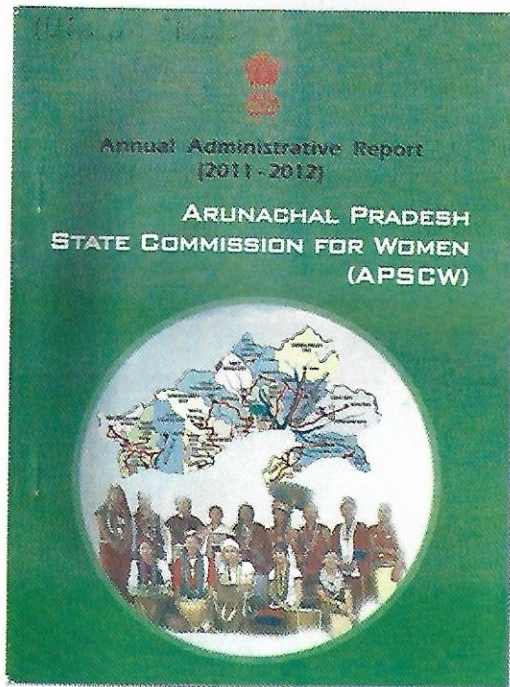
ITANAGAR, Aug 20: The President of the Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society (APWWS) has pleaded with the Government to review the proposed Protection of Customary Laws and Social Practices Bill, 2011.

The APWWS President, Mrs. P. S. Devi, said that the bill is against the interests of women and is a step towards the erosion of their rights. She said that the bill will give the Government the power to amend or repeal any law or custom which is in force in the state and which is in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of India.

The bill, which is currently pending in the Lok Sabha, is a controversial measure that has drawn the attention of women's rights activists across the country. It is seen as a threat to the traditional rights of women in rural areas, particularly in the context of land and inheritance.

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APSCW Adhoc-Committee
Enquiry Report
into
The assault case of a woman from Yachuli
Under Lower Subansiri District



APSCW condemns rape, seeks status reports

ITANAGAR, Dec 16: Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) strongly condemned the rape of a 7 years old minor girl at Yachuli and alleged rape of a middle-aged woman at Papu Nallah, Nahariagun. The APSCW has taken a suo moto cognizance of the case and also has sought Status Report of the two cases from the Superintendent of Police of Papum Pare and Lower Subansiri District.

The APSCW appealed the concerned authorities to take stringent action against the accused persons and to book them under relevant section of the law. The Commission further appealed the State Government to provide compensation to the victims for rehabilitation as per the rules of the Arunachal Pradesh Victim Compensation Scheme 2011.

Vehemently condemning the recent rape and murder of young girl at Doomali and rape of 7 years old at Yachuli, the Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society (APWWS) said that repeated incident of rape and murder of innocent lives is increasing day by day.

"In fact, till date many cases are reported and arrests are also made, but the rate of conviction of these kinds of heinous crimes is not at all satisfactory. The real concern for us at this point of time is the investigation procedure takes so much time, that the culprit obtain bail on various pretext and roam freely, giving indirect encouragement to the criminals." (Contd. on P-3)

Efforts on for eradication of social evils: APSCW

ITANAGAR, Oct 13: Ten years on since its inception in 2005, the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) felt that social challenges like practices of child marriage, bonded labour, forced marriage and polygamy posed as stumbling block standing in its way toward achieving the goal of gender equality and women empowerment.

Despite lots of impediments and life-threatening (to its members), the APSCW has been tirelessly campaigning for the eradication of such social evils. Today,



the Commission is proud to say that the number of child marriages and bonded labour has drastically reduced. However, lots of domestic violence and polygamy cases are being reported to the Commission. The APSCW (third

body) chaired by Gurni Ringu has disposed off 130 cases and has succeeded in reaching the remote areas and a village. The Commission, in continuation of its "chalo gao ki chalo" programme, in collaboration with APWWS Sari

branch, Mender Hengder Welfare Society Kokring and APWWS Yachal branch organized a day-long programme at Sari and Para-Parlo of Korum Korum district and Yachal of Lower Subansiri district during Oct 7-10. (Contd. on page 2)

APSCW for effective implementation of safeguards for improving lot of women



ITANAGAR, Jan 15: Attending the Regional Interactive Meeting of National Commission for Women (NCW) at Imphal recently, Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women, Gurni Ringu presented a paper on how functional are the safeguards provided for women under various laws

in the state. She also recommended for effective implementation of safeguards for improving the condition of women and suggestion for strengthening of the APSCW. The main objective of the meeting attended by Chairpersons of State Commission for Women

of North East Region was to demand for setting up of North East Cell of NCW, New Delhi and its importance for the state machinery involved with providing constitutional and other safeguards for the safety and development of women in North East region. (Cont. on Page 2)

APSCW demands fast track court for speedy trial of women related cases

ITANAGAR, Jun 05: There should be fast track court in each state for speedy trial of cases related to crime against women, like rape, murder and sexual assault and charge sheet should be submitted within prescribed time frame so that trial could be completed within the time frame, suggested Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), in a letter to Justice J.S Verma, former Chief Justice of India.

Appropriate action should be initiated against the concern police personnel, who cause undue delay in the investigation of case, Gurni Ringu, Chairperson of APSCW in her letter said, adding that the investigation officer should not be transferred till the completion of the charge sheet of that particular case. The APSCW also advocated for death penalty to the person, who commits rape and murder. And life

imprisonment must be awarded in the case of rape and sexual assault, it added. The habitual criminals, who committed crime against women, like rape and murder, molestation and sexual assault, should be debarred from getting government job and to become public representative etc. Further, every state must have a well equipped forensic laboratory with required man power, the letter added.

APSCW, APWWS team meets victims

ITANAGAR, Aug 31: A team of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW), Arunachal Pradesh Women's Welfare Society (APWWS) comprising APSCW chairperson Gurni Ringu, APWWS secretary general Samem Ngemo Lego and others visited Likabali in West Singh district on Thursday to take stock of the situation there following the outrage occasioned by the reported molestation of school children by the warden of Green Valley School, Korum.

During interactions with the SDO in charge, the victims, their parents, police officials and NGO representatives, the team learnt that the number of victims 'exceeded well beyond 14, and many rapes were flouted by the concerned authorities.' The APSCW team also found out that neither the accused nor the principal of the school had inner line permits and were running the school without having requisite qualifications and experience to deal with children.

The education department while granting licence to private schools must ensure that proper police verification of teaching staffs and their qualifications along with requisite documents should be done, the APSCW said in a press release today. It suggested a series of steps to check malpractice in both government and private schools, such as constituting a board to carry out periodical checks, introducing a special court under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act for speedy trial of cases involving abuse of minors, closure of schools concerned in case of any loopholes of complaint against the school authority or teaching staff until the complaint is verified, and appointing female wardens in girls' hostels. It meanwhile urged the GOAP to take immediate steps to rehabilitate the children of Green Valley School so that their academic career is not hampered. It further requested the government to pay compensation to the victims as per the Arunachal Pradesh Victim Compensation Scheme, 2011. "Exemplary punishment should be meted out to the rape accused, Vign Vishwan, and also to any other staff member involved in the heinous act," it said. Representatives from the Good Welfare Society, state branch of the Indian Council of Child Welfare and the National Alliance of Women also visited Likabali on 30 August to ascertain the progress on the investigation of the case sexual abuse of minor school students. It was found that the first information verbally lodged by a group of 7-8 students to the OC was not entered and the IGP SP SP (Security) who are camping is unable to monitor the case were not aware about the same. It was also found that a laptop and CDs, which the students used to see the main accused. (Contd. P.2)

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APSCW seeks special court
 ITANAGAR, Aug 31: Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women (APSCW) has urged the State Special Court under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) for speedy trial of child rape cases along with molestation demand after visiting Likabali to take stock of the rape or minor girls and molestation cases in the APSCW release, according to an APSCW release. The department urged the court that proper police verification of teaching staffs and their qualifications along with requisite documents should be done before granting licence to run private schools. The team after hearing the children and their parents, the team learnt that the number of victims 'exceeded well beyond 14, and many rapes were flouted by the concerned authorities.' The APSCW team also found out that neither the accused nor the principal of the school had inner line permits and were running the school without having requisite qualifications and experience to deal with children. It meanwhile urged the GOAP to take immediate steps to rehabilitate the children of Green Valley School so that their academic career is not hampered. It further requested the government to pay compensation to the victims as per the Arunachal Pradesh Victim Compensation Scheme, 2011. "Exemplary punishment should be meted out to the rape accused, Vign Vishwan, and also to any other staff member involved in the heinous act," it said. Representatives from the Good Welfare Society, state branch of the Indian Council of Child Welfare and the National Alliance of Women also visited Likabali on 30 August to ascertain the progress on the investigation of the case sexual abuse of minor school students. It was found that the first information verbally lodged by a group of 7-8 students to the OC was not entered and the IGP SP SP (Security) who are camping is unable to monitor the case were not aware about the same. It was also found that a laptop and CDs, which the students used to see the main accused. (Contd. P.2)

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APSCW Adhoc-Enquiry Committee Report
 Regarding the Rape Case of a Minor Girl at
 Boini English School, Joram Lower
 Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh