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NCW Forms Inquiry Committee to Probe Murshidabad Violence; Chairperson Smt. Vijaya Rahatkar to Personally Visit Violence-hit Areas and Meet Survivors

New Delhi, 16 April 2025: Taking serious note of the deeply troubling incident in West Bengal, Hon'ble Chairperson of the National Commission for Women, Smt. Vijaya Rahatkar, took suo moto cognizance and has constituted an Inquiry Committee to investigate the violence. This follows reports of several women enduring horrific molestation during communal unrest in the Mandirpara area of Dhulian, Murshidabad district. The violence has led to the exodus of hundreds of women, many of whom were forced to cross the Bhagirathi River in search of safety, seeking refuge in the nearby district of Malda. These women have been torn from their homes, living in fear and uncertainty, facing unimaginable trauma and loss.

Smt. Vijaya Rahatkar will personally visit the violence-hit regions, meet with survivors, and engage with relevant authorities to assess the situation. The committee will also include Dr. Archana Majumdar, Member of the NCW, and Dr. Shivani Dey, Deputy Secretary of the NCW, to support the inquiry and ensure a thorough investigation.

The four-member Committee, led by the Hon'ble Chairperson, will arrive in Kolkata on the evening of 17th April 2025 and proceed to Malda on 18th April 2025 to meet the affected women and families displaced by the violence in Murshidabad. The team will also hold meetings with the Superintendent of Police and the District Magistrate of Malda, along with other relevant authorities.

On 19th April 2025, the Committee will visit violence-affected areas in Murshidabad, including Shamsheganj, Jaffarabad, and other impacted locations. During the visit, the team will interact with local victims, their families, and also meet with the District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police, Murshidabad.

The Committee will investigate the circumstances that led to the incident and evaluate the response and measures taken by the concerned authorities. It will engage with the

victims, their families, officials, and other relevant individuals to gather facts and suggest remedial measures to prevent the recurrence of such incidents. The Committee is empowered to hold meetings at times and locations it deems appropriate and will regulate its own procedure.

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