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दिल्ली कांग्रेस ने की सीबीआई जांच की मांग

राज्य ब्यूरो, नई दिल्ली : दिल्ली कांग्रेस ने संगम विहार निवासी सिविल डिफेंस वालंटियर की फरीदाबाद में हुई कथित हत्या के मामले में केंद्रीय जांच ब्यूरो (सीबीआई) से जांच कराने की मांग की है। कांग्रेस के एक प्रतिनिधिमंडल ने मंगलवार को इस बाबत राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार आयोग (एनएचआरसी) में याचिका दायर की।

कांग्रेस के कानूनी और मानवाधिकार विभाग ने यह भी कहा कि विशेषज्ञों की एक उच्चाधिकार प्राप्त समिति को महिलाओं के खिलाफ अपराधों को रोकने के लिए योजना तैयार करनी चाहिए। दिल्ली सरकार को मृतक के आश्रित को एक करोड़ रुपये मुआवजा, एक फ्लैट और नौकरी देने का निर्देश देना चाहिए। याचिका में यह भी मांग की गई है कि राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार आयोग संबंधित प्राधिकरण को पीड़ित के परिवार के सदस्यों को सुरक्षा प्रदान करने का निर्देश जारी करे, क्योंकि उन्हें अपने जीवन के लिए खतरा है।

सिविल डिफेंस कर्मी की हत्या का आरोपित तीन दिन की रिमांड पर

जासं, फरीदाबाद : सिविल डिफेंस कर्मी की हत्या में आरोपित को दिल्ली पुलिस ने जिला अदालत में पेश किया। यहां से उसे फरीदाबाद पुलिस ने तीन दिन की रिमांड पर लिया है। रिमांड के दौरान वारदात के बारे में गहनता से पूछताछ की जाएगी। पुलिस के अनुसार वारदात में प्रयोग चाकू बरामद कर अन्य साक्ष्य भी जुटाए जाएंगे। बता दें 27 अगस्त 2021 को लाजपत नगर दिल्ली उपायुक्त कार्यालय में कार्यरत सिविल डिफेंस कर्मी ने अपनी सहकर्मी की सूरजकुंड पाली रोड पर चाकू से गला रेतकर हत्या कर दी थी। सहकर्मी संगम विहार दिल्ली निवासी थी, जबकि आरोपित जैतपुर दिल्ली निवासी है। आरोपित सहकर्मी को मोटरसाइकिल पर बिठाकर फरीदाबाद लाया था। हत्या के बाद शव यहीं छोड़कर उसने कालिंदी कुंज थाना दिल्ली में आत्मसमर्पण कर दिया था।

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Detained for over 24 hrs: Farmers to NHRC

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Farmers have approached the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) over the “unlawful detention” of more than 40 people during the three-day protest march to the Noida Authority’s office last week over. Lawyer Sunil Awana, representing farmers’ leader Sukhvir Pahelwan, in a complaint has alleged that around 40 farmers were detained under CrPC section 151 (2) either on August 31 or on September 1 and 2, and had not been released after 24 hours. The CrPC section 151 (2) says no person detained shall be in custody for a period exceeding 24 hours from the time he or she is picked up unless further detention is required or authorised under any other provisions of CrPC or of any other law for the time being in force.

Advocates and family members of the detained farmers, however, alleged that the police delayed the release of the farmers deliberately. Advocate Karamveer Singh, who is representing several farmers arrested under the provision, told TOI that an executive magistrate can prepare a release bond within 24 hours and order release of the farmers.

“After a person is arrested under CrPC 151 (2), his personal bond can be filled by his lawyer and submitted to the magistrate’s court. However, when lawyers and family members approached the magistrate court in Surajpur, the officials asked to visit the magistrate office in Sector 6. The family members and lawyers were made to run here and there, which delayed the filing of personal bonds. Despite the fact that there is no necessity of a personal bond to be submitted by the lawyer representing the accused, the police delayed the release order to weaken the protest,” he said.

Karamveer alleged that the release orders were issued on Monday and Tuesday for only 22 farmers after the Luksar jailor requested the police not to send farmers in bulk as they had to make special preparations in the jail keeping the Covid protocols in mind. Additional Commissioner of Police (law and order) Love Kumar said several farmers have been released on Tuesday after their personal bonds were received by police. ACP-1 (central Noida) Abdul Qadir said, “Their personal bonds came on Monday and their release orders were issued on Tuesday,” he said

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