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NATIONAL CHILD RIGHTS PANEL VISITS THE THREE YEAR OLD RAPE SURVIVOR IN NOIDA

A two-member team from National Commission for Protection Child Rights (NCPCR) went last evening to Sector-20, NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh where a three-year old girl was sexually assaulted on Tuesday and enquired about her well being. The parents of the minor informed the team that though the child is finding it difficult to move, her condition is stable. The team led by Member of the Commission, Ms. Rupa Kapoor, found that the girl had received proper medical care and examination as per the provisions of the POCSO Act.

The NCPCR team met the SHO, Mr. Amarnath Yadav who briefed it about the incident. Mr. Yadav said that the survivor resides in Nithari area of NOIDA where the 19-year accused, Pawan also stays. The accused lured the child and took her to a nearby room and attempted to sexually assault her. Hearing her cries, her mother rushed to the spot. A neighbor called the Police which registered an FIR under Section 376 IPC and Section 6 of the POCSO Act, 2012 against the accused. Pawan who was apprehended within hours of the offence, works as a waiter at a nearby hotel.

The NCPCR team observed that the Police had extended cooperation to the family of the survivor and had taken prompt legal action after being informed of the offence. The Police had the medical examination of the survivor as well as the accused done and had also collected samples and preserved the same for forensic examination as well as for evidence. The team instructed the SHO of Sector-20 Police station to provide information to the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) of the district.

It may be recalled that on May 31 this year, NCPCR has formed a team which is conversant with provisions of the POCSO Act to take *suo motu* cognizance of cases of sexual assault of children and visit the site as soon as possible for ensuring that the survivor receives proper medical and legal attention promptly and counseling is arranged through the CWC.