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Take action to ensure women in Bengaluru are ready to report sexual violence safely to the police!

I stand with the women in my city & Amnesty International India to ensure that women who report sexual violence and harassment to the police, can do so safely, with dignity and without facing prejudice.

To,
Lalrokhuma Pachuau
Director General of Police, Karnataka

Dear Sir,

Many women face the threat of sexual violence & harassment every day. According to government data, of those who have faced sexual violence, 30% tell someone about their experience, but only 1 out of every 100 reports it to the police.

A woman who chooses to report may face many challenges: delayed registration of the FIR, lack of information about her options, biased attitudes towards her, and fear for her safety throughout the process of reporting. It is very important that the police have clear guidelines to follow while registering these reports.

I've come to know that the state of Karnataka, has no written guidelines for the police to follow while registering sexual violence cases.

This Women's Day on March 8th 2015, I request you to instruct all police stations to adopt and follow a clear & comprehensive WRITTEN PROTOCOL for registering reports of sexual violence. This protocol must require police to:

- Register cases immediately & provide full information about the process of FIR registration to the complainant
- Act in a sensitive, non-discriminatory manner while registering reports
- Interview the complainant in a safe, secure & private environment

The Karnataka police has taken several initiatives to become more accessible to the people of Bengaluru.

Sir, you can make Bengaluru a city where women feel confident & safe to report sexual violence. I urge you to take action to ensure that the police force is responsive to the needs of women in this city.

Yours Sincerely,

A concerned citizen of Bengaluru