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NCW Constituted an Inquiry Committee to inquire into the complaints and media reports on the incident of Pavitra Bhardwaj, the lab Assistant at Delhi University College who allegedly succumbed to burn injuries in an attempt of self immolation. The findings of the Inquiry Committee and its observations and recommendations have been sent to the Chief Secretary, Govt. Of NCT Delhi and to Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi today. The Committee has initially observed that sexual harassment of Pavitra Bhardwaj by the Principal of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar College is unlikely as the allegations made by the deceased are not substantiated in her earlier letters as there was no specific mention of any incident of sexual harassment. The Committee observed that due to administrative and disciplinary action taken by the College administration headed by College Principal resulting her termination from the job, she desperately started writing to every possible authority or group and finding no relief on her termination from job from anywhere she took the drastic step of self-immolation

The Committee has recommended that a fair inquiry and investigation may be conducted in this case as per law and after that a fair trial may be done in speedy manner. The Committee also recommended that the University should take steps as prescribed in their Ordinance and laws to avoid such incidents in future. The University should also do the gender sensitization towards laws, service rules, redressal and grievances etc.

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