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The Permanent Mission of India to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and, with reference to communication No. AL C/ SO 214 (69-19) Slavery (2007-2) Trafficking (2994-5) G/SO 214 (89-15) IND 2-2012 dated 15 February 2012, jointly signed by Mr. Joy Ezeilo, Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, especially women and children, child prostitution and child pornography; Ms. Gulnara Shahinian, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery and Ms. Rashida Manjoo, Special Rapporteur on violence against women and has the honour to inform that the allegations have been investigated by the Government of India and were found to be factually inaccurate. Information with respect to the specific cases is given below:-

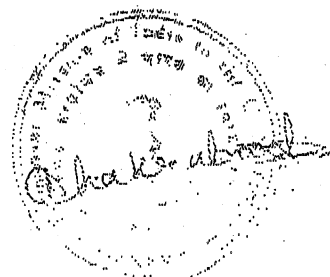
- i) Ms. [REDACTED] was involved in a love affair and lived with the accused for about a month. She returned to her parents once the police actively pursued the case. A case under Section 376 (sexual offence) of the Indian Penal Code has been registered and warrant of proclamation and attachment against the principal accused issued.
- ii) Ms. [REDACTED] was also involved in a love affair and eloped. Ossification tests proved that she is above 18 years of age. She has also submitted a written declaration to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) that she had left with the accused on her own accord. Investigations did not establish that she was a victim of immoral trafficking.
- iii) In the case of Ms. [REDACTED], she was rescued from Delhi and efforts are being made to secure arrest of the accused persons.
- iv) In the case of Ms. [REDACTED], it came to light at a flag meeting between Border Security Force (BSF) of India and Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) of

Bangladesh that the subject was already married to a citizen of Bangladesh. The Government of Bangladesh is reluctant to hand over either the girl or the accused as they consider the same to be an act of destruction of conjugal life.

The State Government organizes awareness campaigns in the region in collaboration with various NGOs. Sensitization programmes for dealing with complaints on trafficking are carried out among the district police officials.

The Permanent Mission of India requests that the response of the Government of India be presented in full to the Special Rapporteurs.

The Permanent Mission of India to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.



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