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Press Statement by BJP Mahila Morcha National President Smt Vanathi Srinivasan

BJP Mahila Morcha demands the sacking of Odisha Home Minister over shielding accused in woman's murder.

A dastardly killing of a 24-year-old woman, who was serving as a teacher at a private school in Mahaling in Kalahandi district of Odisha has now come to the fore. The role of Odisha's Home Minister Capt. Dibyashankar Mishra in shielding and protecting the murder accused in this case has also come to light.

While strongly condemning this heinous crime against women perpetrated by the Sunshine English Medium School's owner, identified by the Odisha Police as Govind Sahu, the BJP Mahila Morcha demands that Odisha Chief Minister Shri. Naveen Patnaik uphold the dignity of office of the Home Minister and immediately sack Capt. Dibyashankar Mishra without any delay.

The murdered woman, Mamita Meher of Jharni village under the Turekela block of Balangir district in Odisha, was also the warden of the girls' hostel in that school. She was reported missing from October 8th and on the basis of a complaint from Mamita Meher's family, Sunshine English Medium School's owner was arrested after a First Information Report was registered by the Odisha Police.

In a blemish to the Odisha government, the accused person, Gobind Sahu, is said to have later fled from police custody and was later tracked and taken into custody. Before that, on October 19th, the Odisha police have recovered a half-burnt body from a dug-up pit near a sports stadium in the town.

It has also emerged that Gobind Sahu has a record of running a sex racket and has been accused of luring girl students from his school into the flesh trade, promising good marks in their exams.

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The murdered woman's family have raised serious charges against the Home Minister and his alleged involvement in the sex racket run from the school premises by the accused person in this case.

There have been reports of the accused having a close connection with the Biju Janata Dal government's Home Minister, who had been previously known to be spending a lot of time in the private school's premises. There seems to be a clear effort on the part of Capt. Mishra to protect and shield the accused, who is his close associate.

In these circumstances, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has no option left but to sack Capt. Mishra for his acts of commission and omission in the murder of the lady teacher in Mahaling. The sacking of the Home Minister is required to deliver justice to the woman, who has been murdered and to all other women who have suffered sexual exploitation. The sacking of the Home Minister will ensure there is no meddling by the high and mighty in the police investigation in the murder, and there is a free and fair trial to provide justice to the murdered woman and her family members.

Sincerely,

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