GSCPCR TAKES SUO MOTU COGNIZANCE OF CHILD ABUSE IN MAPUSA

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Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (GSCPCR) has taken suo motu cognizance of serious media reports expressing deep concern and anguish over the reported incident of alleged sexual assault of a three-year-old girl in Mapusa, wherein the accused allegedly abducted the minor child, daughter of a balloon vendor, and took her to an abandoned building near Lohia Garden, Mapusa where the alleged incident reportedly occurred.

The Commission directed the concerned Police Authorities to ensure a thorough, impartial and time-bound investigation into the matter and to take strict legal action against the accused in accordance with the provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, and other applicable laws.

The Commission strongly condemns all forms of violence, abuse and exploitation against children. Such incidents are extremely disturbing and highlight the urgent need to strengthen child safety and protection mechanisms across the State.

The Commission further emphasizes that the child must be provided with all necessary medical assistance, psychological counselling, care and support. The authorities concerned must ensure that the child's identity and privacy are strictly protected at all stages of the investigation and subsequent proceedings, in accordance with the law.

The Commission appeals to parents, guardians, communities and all stakeholders to remain vigilant and collectively work towards creating a safe and protective environment for every child.

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