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Sexual exploitation of women wrestlers - Organise protest lunch hour demonstrations on 27.01.2023, demanding action on the culprits.

Some of India's best known wrestlers, such as Commonwealth Games medallist Vinesh Phogat and Olympic medallists Bajrang Punia and Sakshi Malik and nearly 200 other wrestlers are demanding action against the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh and several other coaches for sexual exploitation of young women athletes at camps. They have even sat on a dharna at Delhi's Jantar Mantar. The athletes who have raised the charges of sexual exploitation have high credibility.

Vinesh Phogat has said that, about 10 to 20 girls she knew have been sexually exploited in the National Camp over the past 10 years, but they are very afraid to fight back because they are not powerful. This is a national shame and action should have been taken by this time, against the culprits. The wrestlers claim that, evidences are there for such sexual exploitations.

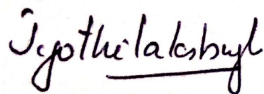
The women wrestlers went to the extent of holding dharna at Jantar Mantar only because the government has not taken action against the culprits. It is painful to note that, the government has only taken some eye-wash action on this matter. The WFI President, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, should have been removed from that post to ensure a fair and free investigation. Sexual exploitations / harassments are serious charges. Hence, FIR should have been filed against Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh and the other culprits.

However, the government has not taken serious action because, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh is a powerful politician. He is a five time Lok Sabha member belonging to the BJP. This is the reason why the government has not taken action against him. How can the investigation be fair and free when Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh continues to be the Precedent of WFI?

BSNL Working Women's Coordination Committee (BSNLWWCC) is raising it's voice not only for the women employees in BSNL, but for the women of the entire country. Hence, the BSNLWWCC calls upon the BSNL employees to organise protest lunch hour demonstrations on 27.01.2023, demanding that the Prime Minister should immediately intervene on this matter and should render justice to the affected women wrestlers by ensuring appropriate action on the culprits.

Thanking you,

Yours fraternally,



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