

## NCST notice to Guna administration after tribal woman set on fire over land row

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It also sought information on action taken to arrest the accused and filing a charge sheet under relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code and the Scheduled Castes and Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

The Commission also sought to know whether any monetary relief has been given to the victim's family.

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