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NCPCR inquiry report highlights the harassment faced by 17yr old Lavanya: ABVP

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has given its report on the inquiry in the Lavanya suicide case of attempted-forced-conversion into Christianity. Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) welcomes the Commission's enquiry report, which had highlighted the harassment and abuse faced by minor girl Lavanya.

It must be known that ABVP, for long has been protesting against the Tamil Nadu government, demanding justice for Lavanya and constantly raising voice across the country against the forceful conversion attempts in educational institutions. ABVP had also filed a complaint to NCPCR putting forth the case of 17-year-old Lavanya, demanding inquiry of her suicide case at the earliest. Subsequently, the NCPCR committee initiated the inquiry process and visited the Thanjavur district of Tamil Nadu.

The NCPCR team visited the school where Lavanya was tortured and forced to convert to Christianity. The conduct of the enquiry has revealed various facts concerning the suicide case of Lavanya in the inquiry report issued by the NCPCR. The report clearly states, "the minor was being forced to convert into Christianity" and highlights the various methods used by the accused to remove the evidence. The ABVP appreciates the inquiry conducted by the NCPCR and acknowledges the revelation of truth in the report issued by the commission.

ABVP National General Secretary Nidhi Tripathi said, "ABVP's fight for Lavanya is bearing fruits. The voice of the minor Lavanya is no more unheard and the truth is finding its way out. The NCPCR has pointed out serious concerns regarding the whole case. The role of police in erasing the pieces of evidence is also coming to light. There is a lot about forceful conversions in educational campuses that the nation will come to know with the inquiry in Lavanya's case."

(This Press Release has been issued by Central Office Secretary Sumit Pandey.)