

**Question for written answer E-004544/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Indian woman burned to death as punishment inflicted by her own husband

An organisation that promotes and defends women's rights has drawn attention to a very serious incident that took place a few days ago in the district of Jorhat, in the federated state of Assam in north India. During a promotional tour by a prominent Indian politician, one of the politician's female supporters kissed him on the cheek. As soon as news of this innocent act reached the woman's husband, he decided to punish his wife by setting fire to her. The woman did not survive her injuries.

Can the Commission answer the following questions in respect of this shocking event:

1. Is the Commission aware of the incident?
2. Is it planning to make a statement in defence of women's rights, which are being systematically violated in India?