

Hindustan Times
(30-05-2015)

Page 1
10000
10000

Dalit family expelled from Bhind village for protesting harassment

HT Correspondent

✉ editorbhopal@hindustantimes.com

BHIND: An 11-member Dalit family of Gohara village under Barason police station in the district was allegedly forced to leave its ancestral house and agricultural land by the village musclemen for complaining against sexual harassment.

A member of the Dalit family said his 11-year-old daughter was returning home from farm on March 19, 2015 when Mulle Singh of the same village allegedly caught her on the way and molested her. On seeing some villagers, the accused left the girl, who later complained to her family members.

According to the man, when he complained to Singh's family members, they allegedly threatened him to leave the village with his family.

The father then complained to the village panchs, but to no avail.

Angry over the move of the victim's father, Singh's family members allegedly attacked the victim's family. The Dalit family on the pretext of taking treatment reached the Barason police station to lodge a complaint.

The police, however, registered the case only on charges of assault.

He said his family was now living in a tent away from the

WHAT HAPPENED

- 11-year-old daughter of the complainant was returning home from a farm on March 19 when one Mulle Singh of the same village allegedly caught her on the way and molested her.
- When the girl's father complained to the accused's family, they allegedly threatened to oust him from the village.
- The father then complained to the village panchs, but to no avail.
- Angry over the move of the victim's father, Singh's family members allegedly attacked the victim's family. The family is now living in a tent away from the village.

village because of the terror of musclemen and laxity of police.

"There is no one to take care of my 10-bigha agriculture land and ancestral house," he said.

When asked, superintendent of police (SP) Navneet Bhaseen said the responsibility of investigation in the case has been given to Mehgaon sub-divisional officer of police (SDOP) BK Mahour and action will be taken after investigation.