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FIR against Sowmya for 'assaulting' cop

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BENGALURU police on Friday filed an FIR against Congress MLA **Sowmya Reddy** for allegedly assaulting a woman home guard during the 'Raj Bhavan Chalo' protest rally called by Congress on Wednesday.

Sanjeev Patil, DCP (West) told *TNIE* that based on a complaint by a woman home guard, an FIR has been filed by the Upparpet police under section of IPC 353, assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty and IPC 323, punishment for voluntarily causing hurt. The home guard, who was on duty on Wednesday, also alleged that she was abused by the MLA.

Sowmya landed in a controversy on Wednesday after being caught on camera while hitting a woman home guard on the arm during the 'Raj Bhavan Chalo' protest rally.



In a clipping that was shared widely, even by BJP leaders and ministers, an agitated Sowmya was seen yelling at a woman constable and hitting her on the arm as she tried to grab the MLA's hand to detain her.

However, Sowmya had claimed that the police personnel were pushing and pulling them for more than 20 minutes. "I have injuries on my neck and shoulder due to the insensitive manhandling. I was almost fainting and wanted some water that was near the KPCC president and tried to walk towards him. By then I was grabbed by a woman constable. I asked her to remove it. It was a natural, instinctive reaction," she had said.