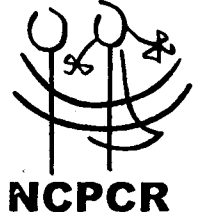




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D.O. No. 74504/2016-17/SM/Health

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Dear

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has been constituted by Government of India, as a Statutory Body under Section 3 of the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 (No 4 of 2006) for dealing with protection of child rights and related matters.

One of the various functions assigned to the Commission under Section 13(1) (j) of the CPCR Act, 2005 is to inquire into complaints and take *suo motu* notice of matters relating to (i) deprivation and violation of child rights and (ii) non-implementation of laws providing for protection and development of children.

The Commission had taken suo-motu cognizance of newspaper reports on the incident of death of 26 school children in government run tribal residential school since 2014 in Telangana. Accordingly a team from the Commission comprising of the following visited Khammam district from 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016 to inquire into the matter:-

- (i) Mrs Rupa Kapoor, Member, NCPCR
- (ii) Shri Pochampally Achyuta Rao, Member TSCPCR
- (iii) Ms. Priyanka Singh, JTE, NCPCR

The Commission recommends to the State Government and District Administration to initiate immediate action on the issues listed below in order to ensure protection of the rights and entitlements of children. The following recommendations arise from the visit for action at the District and State level:

**Health:**

- Immediate transfer of children from girl's hostel to bigger facility so that basic rights are ensured.
- Intervention to stop the deaths and for prevention of such fatal diseases in government run Tribal Residential Schools.
- Access to adequate nutritious food on a regular basis, both the quantity and quality of food emerged as an issue in Ashram schools. Monitoring and ensuring provisions for adequate food, vegetables, milk and eggs as part of the diet should be done on regular basis.
- 24 hour ambulance facility in the hostels along with appointment of dedicated in house doctor in all the tribal residential schools in Khammam district on hour basis.

- Periodic health check-ups of all children and a visit by the nearest PHC doctor at least once every week;
- Improvement of water and sanitation facilities on priority basis.

### **Infrastructure**

- Repairing/reconstruction of buildings of all ashram schools/tribal residential schools in Khammam District. Constitute committee comprising District Administration and BDOs or BEOs, representatives of Zila Parishad, Block Panchayats, Bal Bandhu (BB) resource persons to conduct audit of these schools. Proper indicators with a base line of health and nutritional status, and educational/scholastic level for audit be developed and provided to all committee members. The exercise is to be repeated every six months.
- During the Member's visit, it was found that there were inadequacies related to the hostel building, bedding, clothing, furniture, study materials and functioning of Tribal Hostel. Hence availability of facilities as per the norms to the children on priority basis may be ensured.
- Creation of infrastructural facilities for classrooms, toilets, storage, bathrooms, board, kitchen, school uniforms, soaps and other supplies in all other Ashram Shalas in the district;

### **Staff**

- Appointment of staff in every Ashram Shala against sanctioned posts. It will be help to ensure quality learning.
- Regular training/orientation for headmasters and wardens on RTE Act/POCSO/JJ Act.
- Appointment of female warden at Ashram School and a helper to assist young children in all ashram schools on priority basis.
- Review of existing protocols for safety and security of children to see whether they are being followed or not. No male staff to be posted in the girls' schools. Full time warden, counsellors should be appointed on priority basis.
- There should be continuous monitoring by social worker in the schools who are trained in the child rights issues. Stern action must be taken on officials responsible for such a bad condition in the schools. Steps must be taken to make the schools child friendly.
- A special drive must be carried out in regard of mapping of the other tribal residential schools and ensure proper monitoring to be done on regular basis covering education, health and others facilities. The Gram Panchayats, Project Officer and the Tribal Development Department to monitor teacher's regularity and conditions of the ashram shalas.

- Strengthening of coordination between the Education Department and the Department of Tribal Affairs is requested to be ensured by the concerned District Magistrate.
- **Availability of extracurricular activities:** The Commission recommends introduction of children to other extracurricular activities like such as yoga, music, dance, self-defence training or children's parliament etc. The Commission recommends introduction of appropriate recreational and sports activities for children in hostels.
- Establishment of a complaint box in schools for children's grievances including complaints of corporal punishment and abuse. It will be important to highlight the grievance redressal mechanism for children.

You are requested to submit a detailed action taken report on the action taken in each of the above.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

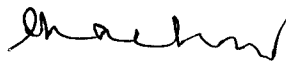
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