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**NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS HELPS
JAMSHEDPUR GIRL APPEAR IN BOARD EXAM**

Timely intervention by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPDR) helped a Jamshedpur Class XII girl to appear for her board exams this year. The girl was unable to write her board examination in 2016 due to severe illness and health problems resulting in short attendance. Due to short attendance, her school denied entry for board exams. But after NCPDR took up her case with the school authorities, the girl was issued an admit card to appear for her board examination this year.

A complaint was received by Smt. Stuti Kacker, Chairperson, NCPDR from Sushmita Sarkar, a class XII student of Kerala Samajam Model School, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand through E-mail dated 26.01.2017. In her letter to Smt.Kacker, the girl mentioned that she is a +2 student from 2015 batch and was not able to appear for her class XII board examination, due to severe illness.

Later in May, 2016 she had a relapse of her illness and was again hospitalised for treatment. In her letter, the girl mentioned that despite informing school administration that she would be available for the board examinations, the school did not send her name to the ICSE as a candidate reappearing for board exam. She also enclosed a medical report issued by the hospital with the letter. Instead of considering her name for board exams, the school advised Sushmita to take rest and put her name in the list along with students having short attendance i.e. not completing 60% as required for the academic year 2016.

The Commission took cognisance of the matter and the Principal of Kerala Samajam Model School, Jamshedpur was called. The Principal accepted that it was a mistake on the part of school administration not to have sent Sushmita's name to the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination (ISC) due to shortage of attendance.

NCPCR Member (Education) Shri Priyank Kanoongo again discussed the matter with the School Principal to ask ISC to urgently issue an admit card to the girl who would be able to continue her academic year as well as appear for her board examinations. NCPCR also informed the school administration that the Commission is not advocating any wrong precedent as each case is unique and should be treated on the basis of facts.

The girl later informed the Commission that she had received her Admit Card to appear for Board exams this year.

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