

NCPCR's Recommendations to the National Policy on Rehabilitation

- The Preamble to the National Policy on Rehabilitation should state, 'Displacement can also lead to violation of children's rights in relation to their access to nutrition, education, health and other facilities.'
- The policy should, 'Call for an impact assessment on children and their access to all their entitlements. This has to be gender and age specific.'
- Within the policy itself all children belonging to SC, ST communities should be given special care and ensured continued schooling. The functioning of ashram schools, hostels, ICDS, scholarships and all other entitlements of children should be mandated.
- Unmarried daughters should enjoy equal rights as sons in all entitlements and adequate land should be acquired for establishing schools, anganwadi centres and, where necessary, hostels. The staff recruited for running these services should also be listed, the Commission has stated.
- Inclusion of the departments of women and child, social justice, labour and human resource development in overseeing the NRP (National Rehabilitation Policy).
- A new clause, the Commission has said, may be included in the NRP making it mandatory to do a survey to provide a list of children (age and gender specific) from each affected family enumerating their state of health, nutrition and education. The survey should also include details on school education; specifically the class the child is studying in to ensure there is no break in their academic calendar.
- It would be the responsibility of the Administrator for Resettlement to ensure that the plan contains provisions for setting up schools, hostels, ICDS Centers, bridge schools and to make available the necessary resources for these facilities.
- In cases where children are at the risk of losing their entitlements to health, nutrition and education during the transition period of displacement and resettlement, transitional arrangements for access to schools and ICDS centers are to be made, the Commission has said.
- All violation of child rights and the action taken to redress them should be periodically reported to the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights.