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Govt. of India
National Commission for Protection of Child Rights
New Delhi - 110001

Dated : 6th January 2009

A copy of the minutes of the Commission's Meeting held on 22nd December 2008 is enclosed for information and necessary action.

~~Mahesh A.
(R.K. Singh)
Director~~

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- (1) PPS to Chairperson, NCPCR
- (2) PA's to Member (SB) / Member (DD), NCPCR
- (3) PA to Member Secretary, NCPCR
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- (5) AD, NCPCR
- (6) Minute's Register

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON
22nd DECEMBER, 2008 AT 11.00 A.M.**

The meeting of the Commission was held on 22nd December, 2008 at 11.00 a.m. The following Members attended the meeting:-

- (i). Dr. Shantha Sinha, Chairperson
- (ii). Smt. Sandhya Bajaj, Member
- (iii). Ms. Dipa Dixit, Member
- (iv). Shri V.C. Tewari, Member Secretary

2. The Agenda items were discussed as under:

Item No.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting:

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 24th September, 2008 were read out by the Member Secretary. After brief discussions, the minutes were approved.

Item No.2: Action taken report on the minutes of the last meeting:

Action taken by the office in compliance with the decisions taken in the last meeting was noted. As regards finalizations of the suggestions of the Commission on amendment to the CPR Act and the NCPCR Rules, it was decided that a meeting will be held in the third week after 17th January, 2009 to finalise the suggestions. The Member Secretary would again circulate suggestions made by the office in this regards.

Item No.3: Review the ongoing activities 2008:

At the outset, Chairperson observed that the report of the activities presented by the Registrar was not as per the decisions taken in the previous meeting. It was assured by the Member Secretary that in the next meeting, the report will be in the proper form indicating in each case the action taken till the last meeting and progress made in the intervening period between the last meeting and the next meeting.

Thereafter, each activity was reviewed and the decisions taken were as under:-

- (i) **Female Foeticide and Infanticide:** Minutes of all the meetings would be consolidated and presented to the Commission with a note incorporating the views of the Working Group along with copies of the minutes of other meetings held outside the Working Group. This would be done by Feb. 2009.
- (ii) **Missing Children:** Statistics of missing children all over the Country would be collected from all the DGPs. NCPCR would bring out a report on the status of missing children in the country.



- (iii) Safeguards of Rights of Children on Railway Platforms: The possibility of utilizing services of a representative of some NGOs or any other organization actively working on such children would be explored by Member(SB) and the report of the Commission in the matter would be finalized by end of April next year for presentation to the Railway Minister.
- (iv) Children Participation in TV Serials and Reality Shows: Member (SB) would consider whether a Working Group on the subject is to be formally constituted or not. She would also suggest the time limit, by which, the report on the matter would be finalized.
- (v) Guidelines for monitoring of Play Schools Admission and Curriculum: The work on the subject has just initiated and the progress would be reviewed in the next meeting.
- (vi) Juvenile Justice System:
 - a. Member (DD) informed that the Sub Group on Juvenile Justice System has already given report to the Working Group, which can be considered as a report of the Working Group. This Report would be discussed with the concerned ministries. A copy of the Report of the Sub Group would be made available to the Member (SB) and MS.
 - b. As regards the Sub Committee on Juvenile Justice Board, the first draft of the Sub Committee on the Juvenile Justice Board would be submitted by 19th/20th January, 2009 by the Consultant Ms. Vidya Shankar and the final report would be submitted by 31st January, 2009. The period of the engagement of the Consultant would be extended if required.
- (vii) Corporal Punishment: The report of the Working Group on Corporal punishment has been finalized and further action in the matter would be taken.
- (viii) Child Labour: The report of the Commission has already been presented to the Government. The action taken on the report shall be followed up with the concerned departments/ ministries.
- (ix) Child Health & Malnutrition: These would be the priority areas in the next year and the Commission would be having meetings with experts on both the subjects.

Item No.4: Annual Report:

The draft of the Annual Report of the Commission was approved by the Commission for taking further necessary action in the matter.

Item No.5: Adoption of Accounts of NCPCR for the year ending 31st March, 2008:

The unaudited statements of accounts were adopted by the Commission for onward submission to the C&G for conducting audit of the accounts.



Item No.6: Other Items:

- i. The honorarium being paid to some of the consultants / experts could be increased. The proposals in this regard may be put up to the Chairperson.
- ii. The personal staff of the Chairperson/Members shall pass on copies of all the E-mails sent to the various authorities/persons, to the concerned officers/section of the Commission.
- iii. Infocus shall be the in-house Magazine of the Commission. All the past publications of Infocus shall be treated as official publications of the Commission.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

