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D.O. No. NCPDR/1301/01/2016/Child Health/45793

Date: 20/09/2016

Dear *Mr Tucker*,

As you are aware, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPDR) is a statutory body constituted under Section 3 of the Commission of the Commission of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 (No.4 of 2006) for dealing with child rights and related matters.

Member NCPDR Smt. Rupa Kapoor had visited Vishakhapatnam District on 6th August, 2016 to monitor different government programmes and schemes running in the district, with regard to children's health, nutrition, education and welfare (report attached). The Commission recommends the State Government and District administration arising from her visit to initiate immediate action on the issues and concerns listed below in order to ensure the rights and entitlements of children:

RECOMMENDATIONS

- i. **Availability of Staff in Children Home:** It was observed that there was lack of Counselor in Government run Special Home cum Children's Home and Observation Home for girls. **The Commission directs to fill these gaps in staffing at the earliest and District Administration for immediate intervention to identify and appoint one counselor to assist girls living in CCIs.**
- ii. The Commission observes that there is lack of basic facilities in the Home, like lack of beds, mattress and maintenance of the premise. **Commission therefore, directs District Administration for immediate intervention.**
- iii. **Rehabilitation of Children in CCIs:** During interaction with children it was observed that there was delay in restoration/transfer of juveniles. It was noted that some of the children who are willing to go back to their parents and were aware of their address /contact details were also found staying in the Children's Home. **Commission directs District Administration to arrange for immediate restoration after following due procedure and desires a status report on the same especially restoration of children belonging to Odisha State should be done on priority.**
- iv. **Availability of Recreational Facilities:** During the Member's visit, it was found that the recreational facilities available in the CCIs were inadequate for children. The Commission recommends introduction of appropriate recreational and sports activities for children in CCIs.

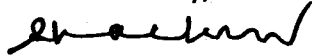
- v. **Maintenance of Records:** During the Member's visit, it was found that records were not properly maintained in the CCIs. **Commission directs District Administration to instruct ICPS staff and CCIs staff to maintain records on regular basis and also instruct them to prepare the individual care plan of all children in the Home.**
- vi. **Infrastructure of CCIs:** During the visit, it was found that Observation Home for boys and girls does not have proper classroom setting and teaching materials. The living space was also less in proportion to the strength of children in home. **The Commission directs that the needful is done. Further the children living in CCIs / Observation Home especially should also be segregated according to their age.**

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

With regards,

Encl: Copy of Tour Report

Yours sincerely,


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