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Dear

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPDR) 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 12 children in Nagada village, located in the forests of Odisha's Jajpur District. Accordingly a team from the Commission comprising of the following visited Deogaon and Ashokjhar from 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 to inquire into the matter:-

- (i) Mrs Rupa Kapoor, Member, NCPDR
- (ii) Ms Sandhyabati Pradhan, Member OSCPCR
- (iii) Ms. Priyanka Singh, JTE, NCPDR
- (iv) Mr. Manoj Tripathy, Program Manager, State Child Protection Council (SCPC)

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:

#### Infrastructure

- Establishment of one PHC/Medical unit in Ashokjhar, Nagada and Deogaon. In tribal region among Primitive Tribal Groups where infant/children's death is due to malnutrition and hunger with lack of medical accessibility and facilities.
- Establishment of Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre (NRC) in Ashokjhar, Nagada and Deogaon.

- Establishment of Mini Anganwadi Centre in Ashokjhar, Nagada and Deogaon villages. The State Govt. should open a special ICDS centre in the village with appointment of all staff and availability of all facilities. A trained Anganwadi worker must be appointed to take special care of Juang children.
- The State Government should ensure road connectivity to the villages like Ashokjhar and Nagada. Due to lack of road facility, the Govt. facilities/schemes/programs could not reach to the beneficiaries in the village.
- The district administration should ensure allocation of pucca house to all Juang families and other tribes under Indira Awas Yojana and Biju Pucca house Yojana.
- Setting up a permanent school in Ashokjhar and Nagada village with proper implementation of RTE Act. If possible, there can be an exclusive Ashram School opened in Nagada village to provide education to all the children of Juang tribe.
- Establishment of solar electrification and drinking water facilities through setting up of tube-well on war footing in the village.
- Distribution of mid-day meal to all children under the mid-day meal scheme. At present children are coming to Deogaon for schooling which is the only school they have, leading to dropouts because the distance is too much and due to lack of road connectivity it is not possible for them to come daily.
- Benefits of Mamata Yojna to be provided to pregnant women and lactating mothers, in which a monetary support to pregnant and lactating women is given to enable them to seek improved nutrition and promote health seeking behavior
- As Antodaya Anna Yojana, all Juang families are entitled to get 35 kg rice per month. In Nagada and nearby village, most of the Juang families have been deprived of it on a regular basis. Responsibility must be fixed on the officials responsible. The State Govt. must ensure distribution of 35 kg rice to each family of Nagada village.
- The State Govt. should start NREGA work immediately in order to provide employment to people living in Nagada village, as they do not get employment for their livelihood.
- Ensure 100 per cent coverage of Adhar Card for people living in Nagada village and other tribal areas.
- The State government should facilitate tribal people for opening up of bank accounts to avail the benefits provided by Government.

- The State Govt. should monitor the utilisation of CSR fund and ensure the fund to be utilised for development of tribals including Nagada village.

### Others

- Ensure responsibility of officials responsible for implementation and monitoring of development projects and food security programme in this Gram Panchayat.
- The State Govt. must go for complete assessment of the situation and status of implementation of all development work in all tribal districts. This can be the opportunity for the State to enhance its administrative capacity to enforce implementation of its plan and programme meant for tribals across the state.
- Juang Tribes should not be displaced and rehabilitated in another locality. They are accustomed with their environment and cultural habits. Displacing them to other areas is not the solution to address their problem. So, the implementation of all the development projects under Tribal Sub-plan scheme and Juang Development sub-plan scheme and food security programme, ICDS scheme and various activities under Agricultural and Horticultural scheme will no doubt enhance their livelihood and capacity to survive and grow more to compete with modern world and should reach them.

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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