

Activities of RTE in year 2011 and 2012-

- **RTE inquiry**
 - The Commission initiated a social audit process as a pilot exercise in the 12 States of Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Orissa, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. The social audit process which began in March 2011 is being implemented in collaboration with various civil society organisations, *Shiksha samvads* held monthly; and at the district level, they were held every three months. This process was implemented 2010/11 year as part of the concurrent monitoring in 12 States.
 - NCPCR conducted training programmes for district coordinators, block monitors and panchayat facilitators of all 12 States on the social audit process.
 - NCPCR's social audit groups have each undertaken extensive awareness campaigns on RTE, *Parchas* in 11 languages (Marathi, Hindi, Tamil, Assamese, Bodo, Kannada, Telugu, Bundeli, Oriya, Bengali, Manipuri) on the RTE Act were developed and distributed in the community, and given to school and district level administrations to be displayed and used.
- Traditional forms of communication such as the *phad*, street plays, songs, and slogans to generate information on the RTE Act, 2009 were used across all the 12 States. Newsletters in Bundeli in Uttar Pradesh and *kalajathas* in Bihar and Madhya Pradesh were also developed.
- In addition to this, NCPCR also developed various publicity and awareness material for communicating information about the Act:
 - i) Booklets on the main features of the Act;
 - ii) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs); and
 - iii) Template for wall writings on specific entitlements of the RTE Act to be displayed on school walls.

➤ Communication to Government-2012-2013

Ms. Kushal Singh (Chairperson, NCPCR), Dr. Vandana Prasad (Member, NCPCR), and Ms. Shikha Hundal (Technical Expert, RTE Division, NCPCR); submitted an Agenda Note on issues related to right to education (recommendations for perusal and implementation) to the Mr. Rajarshri Bhattacharya, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, MHRD during the meeting held on 17th September 2013 at Shastri Bhawa

Fact Finding Visit -2012-2013

Uttar Pradesh, Lalitpur District 4th to 6th March 2013



The NCPCR Fact Finding Team comprising of Dr. Veena Gupta –State Representative (UP) NCPCR, Ms Komal Ganotra- Consultant Child Rights, Mr. Deepak Singh Project Officer-RTE NCPCR, Mr Usama Aslam Programme Assistant RTE NCPCR visited Lalitpur District from 4th to 6th March 2013. Based on several complaints and monitoring exercise of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights through its Social Audit Partner Nirantar trust the following major issues were identified which include Schools remaining closed for longer periods in teachers, irregularities in the distribution and low quality MDM, ineffective remote areas, Rampant teacher absenteeism and prevalence of proxy and private SMCs, ineffective monitoring and supervision mechanism and absence of crucial records from the school.

RTE public Hearings in2011-1012

The Commission in 2011-12 conducted 8 new public hearings in, Delhi (April 2011); Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (December 2011); Vidarbha region, Maharashtra (April 2011); Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh (May 2011); Bhubaneshwar, Orissa (July 2011); Imphal, Manipur (August 2011); Kolkata, West Bengal (October 2011); Ranchi, Jharkhand (February 2012).

Public Hearing 2012-2013 –

Haryana -Public Hearing was organised by NCPCR with the support of Haryana SCPCR at MCF Auditorium, Faridabad, Haryana on 7th November 2013 wherein 14 complaints on violations of children's right to education were heard and 12 complaints on issues related to child rights violations was heard and discussed.

2.5Public Hearing –Jharkhand



Public Hearing was organised by NCPCR with the support of Jharkhand SCPCR at Ranchi, Jharkhand during 11th and 12th November 2013 wherein 18 complaints of RTE were heard and discussed.



CONFERENCES AND CONSULTATIONS/WORKSHOPS in 2011-2012

.Consultations on amendment to Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation Act), 1986 to harmonize it with the RTE Act were held with Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Law, National Advisory Council and some State level Labour departments.

1. EXPERT GROUP MEETINGS

Two Expert Group meetings were held on 21 June 2011 and 26 March 2012 and the NCPCR benefitted from their advice on various components of the program. The group suggested harmonization of the States RTE Rules, documentation of the best practices found during the social audit exercise and institutionalization of the processes of the social audit program.

2. Thematic Consultation in 2012-2013



NACO Conference Room, 6th Floor, Chanderlok Building, Janpath - 5th September, 2013

3. **The RTE Division, NCPCR organised a thematic consultation of RTE and the Right of Children with disability to inclusive education on 5th September, 2013.**
4. **Roundtable on Right to Education: Challenges in Implementation and EFA Goals: By 2015**

23rd September 2013, India International Centre, New Delhi.

5. **Workshop held on 17th July, 2013 on Developing the School Audit Toolkit**

The Commission organised a workshop on 17th July 2013 on 'Developing the School Audit Toolkit' with the purpose of putting forth the aim and objectives of developing such a toolkit before the State Commissions of Child Rights (SCPCRs) and civil society organisations who are working in the field of education (and those who have previously conducted audits centered around education).

School Audit Tool Kit and Guidelines was prepared by the RTE Division and submitted to the Commission on 28th October 2013 to be submitted to the MHRD.

6. **Advisory Committee Meeting (Expert Meet) held on 18 December, 2013**

Field Visits

Bihar – 9th to 11th May 2013

A team comprising of Member In-Charge RTE NCPCR Dr. Vandana Prasad, visited Gaya, Bihar from 9th -11th May 2013 to assess and review programmes

of child health and nutrition, education and child protection. The team visited Primary School No.228, Kahudag, Barachatti block.

Gujarat – Surat, 26th May 2013

A team from NCPCR headed by Member Dr. Yogesh Dube visited Surat, Gujarat on 26th May 2013 and met various officials of the State government regarding involvement of child labour in textile industries, zardosi industries, diamond cutting and polishing industries, dying embroidery articles, silk industries and addressing the issue of school dropouts. Based on the fact-finding, the Commission put forth recommendations to the District Administration of Surat to take appropriate action to reduce number of school dropouts; and to ensure proper implementation/monitoring of the following recommendations.

Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal- 10th July 2013

Member in-Charge, RTE Division, NCPCR Dr. Vandana Prasad, attended the RTE Convention at National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NTTTR) Bhopal on 10th July 2013 organized by the Madhya Pradesh LokSangharshSajhaManch(MPLSSM) and Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti(BGVS) to take stock on the implementation of Right to Education at the ground level on the backdrop of the completion of three years of RTE implementation and two years of implementation of the Madhya Pradesh Government RTE Rules 2010.

Rajasthan , 4th July 2013

Dr. Yogesh Dube Member NCPCR met Ms. Veena Gupta Principal Secretary Education Rajasthan on 4th July 2013 to discuss various issues related to children's right to education wherein the Commission desired the Rajasthan education department to take measures to prepare an Action Plan covering the following areas :-

- i. Provision for Power supply;
- ii. Provision for safe drinking water;
- iii. Strategy to mainstream 5 lakh out of school children;
- iv. Ashram schools;
- v. Ensuring of Quality Education;
- vi. Establishment of Tribal schools.

Maharashtra, Mumbai – 10th to 14th July 2013

Member in-Charge, RTE Division, NCPCR Dr. Vandana Prasad, visited Mumbai to assess and review complaints and programmatic aspects on Right to Education with state officials.



Gujarat – 23rd July 2013

Dr. Vandana Prasad, Member in-Charge, RTE Division, NCPCR visited Gujarat to assess and review complaints and programmatic aspects on Right to Education.

Himachal Pradesh

Member NCPCR Shri Vinod Kumar Tikoo,; Senior Technical Expert Ms.ShaistaKhan, and Junior Technical Expert Priyanka Konsam, visited Himachal Pradesh on 30.07.2013. The Himalayan Education Society, Kullu had carried out a survey of the schools in Kullu which they assured of sharing with the Commission.

Jharkhand, 27th August 2013.

Member NCPCR Dr. Yogesh Dube visited Jharkhand for an appraisal of status/condition of children in the State.

Udaipur – Shiksha Samvad

Member in-Charge, RTE Division, NCPCR Dr. Vandana Prasad attended District level Dialogue cum Public hearing organized by Aastha on 19th September 2013 at Aastha Training Centre Bedla Udaipur, Rajasthan.



Odisha – 9th October 2013

Dr. Vandana Prasad, Member in-Charge, RTE Division, NCPCR visited the State Education Department; Met with Ms. Usha Padhee Commissioner –cum-Secretary on 9th October 2013

Grid of 14 cases of RTE was shared and submitted to Education Department, Odisha to accelerate the redressal of complaints.



Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh 26th & 27th October 2013 Dr. Yogesh Dube, Member NCPCR ; Dr. Godsen Mohandoss, Senior Technical Expert Child Labour; Mr. Rajnikant Technical Expert Education and Vinod Deshwa, Data Entry Operator visited Muzaffarnagar & Shamli during 26th & 27th of October 2013 to seek information on the situation of displaced communities of communal riot hit districts - Muzaffarnagar & Shamli.

➤ **POLICY INTERVENTIONS**

A policy document on corporal punishment was finalized and submitted to MHRD. A draft policy on education as emergency relief for protection of rights of children in areas of civil unrest was prepared and responses received from MHRD and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

- The collated data on '**Rapid Appraisal Study in 285 districts across India related to various provisions of RTE Act 2009**' submitted by EDCIL was analyzed by Mr. Ganesh Reddy (UNICEF). The analysis was presented by Mr. Ganesh Reddy before Ms. Kushal Singh (Chairperson, NCPCR) and Dr. Vandana Prasad (Member, NCPCR) on 17th September 2013 at the NCPCR office.