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NCPCR FOR MONITORING OF ABOLITION OF CHILD LABOUR

A meeting on abolition of child labour was held in the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), in which representatives from Child Welfare Committees (CWCs), officials from State Labour and Social Welfare Departments, Delhi Police Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLISA) and NGOs participated, to discuss ways & means to tackle the problem of child labour in the country with special focus on Delhi. Chairperson, NCPCR, Ms. Stuti Kacker suggested that the District Task Forces and Steering Committees created for the purpose should meet regularly and the status of rescued children be reviewed constantly.

The participants shared their experiences; problems faced in implementation and offered suggestions to improve the situation with positive changes, like streamlining of process of pre-rescue, rescue and rehabilitation. It was pointed out that 96 per cent of the children engaged in labour in Delhi are trafficked from other States and only four per cent are from Delhi itself. It was felt that trafficking of children is increasing fast which is leading to child sexual abuse and other forms of exploitation. Member, NCPCR, Shri Yashwant Jain suggested that the review of the Plan of Action should be done by NCPCR every two months.

It may be recalled that the Delhi High Court in 2009 had approved the “Delhi Action Plan” for total abolition of child labour in the National Capital and issued a series of directions to the public institutions concerned for its implementation. The Action Plan was prepared by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) following consultations with various stakeholders and conduct of a survey and research. The Court had directed NCPCR to prepare a detailed action plan for strict enforcement and implementation of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation), Act 1986 on a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking directions for rescue and rehabilitation of child labour in the Capital.

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