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Re-Engagement of 'Out of School Children' by NCPCR

In pursuance of the decision of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) Sub-committee, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) organized a 2 days Consultation-cum-Review meeting in April, 2016 at New Delhi with States and Union Territories in collaboration with Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) to Devise Strategy for Re-engagement of out of school children in the country.

NCPCR is in the process of finalization of its report. However, the salient points which emerged during this Consultation are as follows:

- i. Arriving at a Standard Definition of 'Out of School Children' across the country.
- ii. Identifying various reasons responsible for children being out-of-school
- iii. Devising new strategies/mechanism for collecting reliable data on different categories of out-of-school children viz. school drop-outs, never enrolled and children with low attendance
- iv. Framing preventive strategies/interventions for drop-out and non-enrolment as well as curative strategies to re-engage out-of-school children

This information was given by the Union Minister of Women and Child Development, Smt Maneka Sanjay Gandhi in reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

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