



Malaysian Delegation visits NCPCR to study Special POCSO Courts

A 20-member delegation headed by the Minister in charge of Legal Affairs of the Prime Minister's Department of Malaysia, Hon'ble Dato' Sri Azalina Othman Said, visited the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) and held discussions with Chairperson, Members and officials of the Commission here today. The Minister was accompanied by two deputy ministers from the Ministry of Children and Women, and Community Development as well as High Commissioner of Malaysia to India besides eminent persons from Bar Council, Royal Malaysian Police among others.

During the meeting, the delegation was appraised of the activities of NCPCR. They were also informed about the online complaint management system, POCSO e-box which has been developed by the Commission for online and direct receipt of complaints against sexual abuse of children.

The Malaysian side wanted to know about the procedures followed by police in case of non-registration of cases against violators of child rights. They also wanted to know about online safety and abuse of children, etc.

The visiting side said that they have only the Ministry dealing with the violation of child rights in their country and there is no independent body like NCPCR back in Malaysia.

The Malaysian delegation is currently in New Delhi between May 3-5, 2017 to conduct a comprehensive study on the implementation of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 and the working of the special courts in India established under this Act.

The Senate of the Parliament of Malaysia passed the Sexual Offences against Children Bill 2017 on April 27, 2017. Earlier on March 13, 2017, the Prime Minister of Malaysia Hon'ble Dato'Sri Najib Tun Abdul Razak announced that a special criminal court for children would be established to exclusively handle cases of child sexual abuse.