



# National Commission for Protection of Child Rights

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## **Preventive and Rehabilitative strategies for sexual offences against Children on the anvil**

Participants at a meeting to develop Preventive and Rehabilitative strategies for sexual offences against children wanted that awareness among children and parents should be created about provisions of the POCSO Act. They also suggested for a compensation scheme to be formulated by the Central Government for the victims of Child Sexual Abuse (CSA). Representatives from various State Governments, Ministry of Home Affairs, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights and NGOs who attended the meeting organised by NCPCR at New Delhi today urged for providing immediate compensation to such victims. The meeting also emphasized the need for the appointment of support persons for child victims of sexual abuse right at the beginning when the case is reported to the Police.

Members of NCPCR, Shri. Yashwant Jain, Shrimati Rupa Kapoor and Shri Priyank Kanoongo asked the participants to keep in mind the provisions of mandatory reporting of any case of CSA as per the POCSO Act, 2012 and urged them to create awareness about the same among all stakeholders including the Media.

The meeting also deliberated on psychological and rehabilitation needs of the victims, developing tools on proper counseling of victims/survivors of CSA as well as shared experiences/anecdotes of the best practices as adopted by the States/UTs/Organizations. One-Stop Centre adopted by Telegana Police was appreciated by all participants and representatives from other States were requested to adopt the one-stop centre model in their respective States. Although most of the departments and organizations have adopted their own strategy for ensuring safety of children and rehabilitation under POCSO Act, there has been a long felt need for collective intervention for taking preventive and rehabilitative measures for victims of child sexual abuse.

As per the 2011 Census of India, there are 472 million children below the age of 18 including 225 million girls. Nearly 160 million children are in the age group of 0-6 years. According to the data compiled by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) for 2015, 8800 cases of rape on children were registered across the country under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO). The landmark POCSO Act, 2012, lays down stringent action against perpetrators and even for persons abetting the crime. NCPCR monitors the implementation of the Act.

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