

- **Public hearing in Dhaneswar in Bundi District of Rajasthan on 12th of August, 2013**

Dr. Dube Member of the Commission attended a Public hearing organized by National Coalition for Education (NCE) to take stock of implementation of Right to Education Act (RTE- 2009), in the areas adjacent to stone mines **in Dhaneswar in Bundi District of Rajasthan on 12th of August, 2013**. During the hearing, parents and children from Sahriya Basti, Dhaneswar reported of 'nil' provisions of education for them. A list of out of schools was immediately prepared and principal of Government Primary School was instructed to admit all the children next day itself. It was also instructed to see the provisions of education for children who aged 3 years during survey conducted by Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in 2010 as children must be aged enough to go to schools. The Commission stressed that revised proposals for new schools in mining areas based on provisions of RTE, Act 2009 must be send to state government with a copy to the Commission. The education department was instructed to conduct a fresh survey of drop-out children/out of school children in mining areas and ensure their mainstreaming into regular schools. During the public hearing, it was brought to the attention of the Commission that there was only one teacher for 170 children in Government Secondary School located in Dhaneswar. Reacting to the information, the district education officer shared that action will soon be taken by district collector as assured in VC.

- **A Jansamvad was organized by the Dodhkoal Panchayat, Koderma in August 26th 2013**

in which Dr. Dube Member of the Commission participated and various issues pertaining to education was put up and action was assured to be taken up by the education department which includes: residential schools for schedule tribes.

- i. On the recommendation of Dr. Dube construction of KGBV School is in fully functional in Satgawan block of the Koderma district.
- ii. Likewise with the drinking water in schools a proposal with cost of Rs. 1447000 for digging four bore wells in four schools is sent to the concerned department. In addition, Rs. 425885750 has been demanded from the department for establishing solar in 510 schools.
- iii. A proposal letter is sent to the Dy. Secretary for sanctioning a sum of Rs. 1241615 for providing electricity in hostels for students belonging schedule caste/tribe.
- iv. A proposal was also sent to the ICDS department for opening up of new Aganwadi centres near mining areas and abolition of child labour in mining areas.
- v. Dr. Dube has also raised the issue of Mal-nutrition in the Koderma district for accessing the MTC centres with the CMO and the follow up action is being taken up.
- vi. Dr. Dube asked the Jharkhand pollution control board to conduct air and water quality testing. A special task to counter illegal mining has been formed.
- vii. A district steering committee is being formed for identification, protection and rehabilitation of child labour in the district.

viii. A special task force is constituted for taking effective action to counter the various exploitation inflicted on migrating children.

- **Participation in Public hearing, organized by PLAN India & SCPCR in Dhanbad District on 19-September, 2013 to 20th September, 2013**

Dr. Dube Member of the Commission attended two days public hearing, organized by PLAN India & SCPCR in Dhanbad District on 19-September, 2013 to 20th September, 2013, to overcome the issues of child labour and trafficking. As many as 36 cases from Koderma and 22 from Khunti were brought to Dr. Dube's notice when he visited these districts and Dr. Dube suggested that all cases are regularly registered in NCPCR's complaints cell and monitoring done by the State Commissions.

- Member (YD) attended the **Public Hearing (Jan Sunwai) on RTE on 7 November, 2013 at Faridabad, Haryana** organized by NCPCR. Spot recommendations to increase enrolment of non-school children into schools, focusing on drop outs and proper vigilance of children not entering into labour were stressed.

- Member (YD) attended the **Public Hearing (Jan Sunwai) on RTE and Child Rights on 13th & 14th November, 2013 at Ranchi, Jharkhand** organized by NCPCR. Several important issues on the Right to Education and on Child Rights were taken. On the first day 34 cases and on the second day 10 cases were heard in the public hearing. These included complaints of poor children admitted to private English-medium schools under Right to Education Act (RTE), corporal punishment, irregular mid day meals, pending teachers' appointments cases of missing and trafficked children and non- appointment of special police officers to monitor juvenile crimes . The Commission in the end listed out important guidelines such as:

- i) guidelines for enrolment process of children under economically weaker section (EWS) within three weeks
- ii) put up a complaint box in schools and check it regularly for children's grievances including complaints of corporal punishment
- iii) Punishments for teachers found guilty of corporal punishment and
- iv) Popularize midday meal toll free helpline number 1800 3456 542/544 and submit a report on calls received and action taken within a month.
- v) NCPCR directed the state home department to institute a high-level inquiry and asked the social welfare department to ensure its orders were acted upon.