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Dear Sir,

On behalf of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), we wish to thank the Government of Tamilnadu for all the arrangements made during the visit of Dr. Yogesh Dube (Member) to Madurai and Ramanathapuram districts from 17th to 19th November 2011.

2. During his visit to Madurai district, Dr. Yogesh Dube had a meeting with the District Collector of Madurai and other senior officials (Departments of Social Welfare, Education/ SSA, Labour among others). He too reviewed the complaints relating to RTE issue received from the Madurai district. Dr. Dube also visited the Children Home of Ramanathapuram District.

3. Expressing its concerns on rights of children in general and the situation of Children Homes in Ramanathapuram, the Commission directs the respective departments/authorities to initiate immediate action to improve upon the following to ensure the rights and entitlements of the children:

Madurai District:

- i) Ensure mapping of schools and survey of out-of-school children in the district with immediate effect;
- ii) Undertake mapping of available infrastructure to ensure the compliance of RTE Act, 2009 and furnish a report on requirements;
- iii) Carry out a survey of the child labour in the district, identify, rescue and rehabilitate by creating child labour fund;
- iv) Ensure constitution of and operationalise the district child labour task force;
- v) Ensure that all NGO-run children/shelter homes and orphanages are duly registered with the Government (as required under Section 34(3) of JJ Act and are monitored regularly to ensure that the homes meet the minimum criteria in terms of infrastructure and required personnel;
- vi) Status of CWC, JJB and SJPU and the orientation training of their members;
- vii) Furnish status report on School Health Programme and Immunization drive in the district;
- viii) Services like Child Care Institutions (Shelter Home, Children Home, Observation Home, Special Home, Aftercare Home and Home for Differently-abled Children) available in the district; and
- ix) Status of ICDS and functional Anganwadi Centres with buildings in the district.

Ramanathapuram District:

- (i) Ensure favourable environment in the Children Home with basic minimum facilities for proper mental and physical growth of the children over there;
- (ii) Initiate repairing and maintenance work of the Children Home Building immediately, which is very much in bad condition;
- (iii) The quality of the Children Home needs to be improved to provide better, safe and family environment;
- (iv) The current space on rent is very small, so efforts shall be made to provide additional space to the children as well as effort to make on building;
- (v) Ensure all round development of the children in the Homes and explore their talents and facilitate them to reach their goals;
- (vi) The Consultation Committee headed by the District Collector along with the team members ensure supervision and monitoring on regular basis;
- (vii) Steps are taken immediately to close down the homes run by NGOs without recognition of the Social Welfare and Social Defence Department;
- (viii) The staff of the Homes are sensitized to care of the children including maintenance of particulars of every individual child separately;
- (ix) Hygienic facilities are provided in the homes (Orphanage). Health of the Children should be examined by doctors and necessary education should be imparted to children in this regard; and
- (x) The children living in the Homes shall be mainstreamed to formal school system after preparing them for age appropriate classes.

Keeping in view the concerns, the Commission expects the concerned State Departments and the District administrations to address aforesaid issues and an action taken report (ATR) to be sent to the NCPCR within 4 weeks of receiving this letter.

With regards!
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Yours sincerely,


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Also copy to:

1. District Collectors, Madurai/ Ramanathapuram - *for necessary action at their end.*



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