

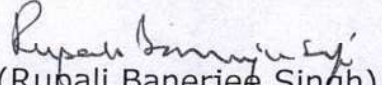
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Minutes of the 48th Statutory Meeting of the Commission held on 29th October, 2021 in the Conference Room (2nd Floor) of NCPDR.

Kindly find enclosed herewith a copy of the minutes of the 48th Statutory Meeting of the Commission held on 29th October, 2021, duly approved by the Chairperson, NCPDR, for information and necessary action.


(Rupali Banerjee Singh)
Member Secretary

Encl./As Above:

To

1. The Chairperson
2. Member (PP)/ Member (RT)
3. Registrar
4. Advisor (Education / Programme)
5. Sr. CL (Legal)
6. STE (Child Health) / STE (NE Cell) / TE (LRC)
7. Assistant Director
8. PPS to Member Secretary
9. Minutes Register/Guard File

Minutes of the 48th Statutory Meeting of the Commission held on 29th October, 2021 in the Conference Room (2nd Floor) of NCPCR, Chanderlok Building, Janpath, New Delhi.

The 48th Statutory Meeting of the Commission was held on 29.10.2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room (2nd Floor) of NCPCR. The following were present:

1. Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Chairperson
2. Shri Yashwant Jain, Member
3. Ms. Pragna Parande, Member
4. Ms. Rosy Taba, Member
5. Ms. Rupali Banerjee Singh, Member Secretary

The meeting commenced with a welcome note and brief introductory remarks by the Chairperson.

Confirmation of the Minutes of 47th Statutory Meeting of the Commission held on 23.07.2020:

The Chairperson informed that the Minutes of the 47th Statutory Meeting of the Commission were treated as confirmed as no comments were received.

Action Taken Reports (ATRs) on decisions taken in the 47th Statutory Meeting of the Commission held on 23.07.2020:

Action Taken Reports (ATRs) on decisions taken in the 47th Statutory Meeting of the Commission were reviewed by the Commission. MS was asked to put up the current status of ATRs on file.

Pending Action Taken Reports (ATRs) on decisions taken in the 34th to 46th (i.e., 34th, 39th, 41st, 43rd, 44th & 46th) Statutory Meetings of the Commission:

Pending Action Taken Reports (ATRs) on decisions taken in the 34th to 46th (i.e., 34th, 39th, 41st, 43rd, 44th & 46th) Statutory Meetings of the Commission were also reviewed by the Commission. MS was asked to put up the current status of pending ATRs on file.



I. AGENDA ITEMS PROPOSED BY MEMBER (LAWS RELATING TO CHILDREN) –SHRI YASHWANT JAIN:

Agenda Item No.1: Data Collection on Children with Special Needs / Disabilities residing in Child Care Institutions in the Country "

The POCSO Act, 2012 has different provisions with respect to children with special needs. Such children require special attention and care especially when they are placed in Child Care Institution due to circumstances. Recent media reports suggest that cases of abuse with such children are occurring in the CCIs located at the remote areas; therefore, it would be meaningful for taking further steps, if data may be collected on children with Special Needs / Disabilities residing in Child Care Institutions in the country.

Decision: MS was asked to examine this issue and put up the proposal on file.

[Action: MS / LRC Division]

Agenda Item No.2: Identification of Communities/ tribes/ areas and districts where tradition of early marriage of girls / boys is still in practice:

Early Marriage of children is still a major issue faced by the country in ensuring overall health and establishing rights of the children. The data available in Crime in India Reports of NCRB of past years clearly indicates States/UTs having high prevalence of child marriage. To address the issue at the level of Commission, information on the aspect of identification of such communities / tribes / areas where the tradition of early marriage is still prevalent, collected with the help of State and district level authorities of States / UTs will help in taking precise action in a positive direction.

Decision: The proposal was considered and approved in principle by the Commission.

[Action: LRC Division]

Agenda Item No.3: Documentation of initiatives taken by Police Departments of States /UTs on prevention of child sexual abuse material and online cases of CSA:

Circulation of child sexual abuse material and online cases related to CSA were highlighted in various media reports during lockdown period. Children may fall prey of abusers as the usage of internet and gadgets has increased due to COVID situation. A document on initiatives taken by the States / UTs in this regard will be helpful in understanding the overall efforts taken at country level.

Decision: This proposal was withdrawn by the Member.

[Action: LRC Division]



Agenda Item No.4: Information on preventive steps taken by States / UTs to address Child Sexual Abuse during 2019, 2020 & the current year (2021); and programmes / schemes running to support minor victims of Child Sexual Abuse:

NCPCR has a specific mandate to monitor the implementation of the POCSO Act, 2012 under section 44 r/w Rule 12 of the POCSO Rules, 2020. The above information collected from the States /UTs may give clarity on efforts taken by the State Governments towards the issue of Child Sexual abuse.

Decision: it was decided to examine the reports / recommendations of last year review meetings and put up on file as this point has already been discussed.

[Action: MS /LRC Division]

II. AGENDA ITEMS PROPOSED BY MEMBER (CHILD LABOUR) – Ms. ROSY TABA:

Agenda Item No. 5: "Governance Audit of Functioning of Child & Adolescent Labour Act" in all the States of India by NCPCR:

On a national level, a major Audit can be done to analyze the gaps & issues of CLPRA Act for major administrative reforms in the field of bonded labour and child labour.

Also it will give a clear picture of concrete measures which needs to be taken at all levels of governance and then Commission can work with the lead departments to get those reforms carried out at both judicial & administrative level.

A task based consultant need to be appointed for this specific work.

Decision: Concept Note to be put up by Programme Division as per mandate of the Commission.

[Action: MS / Programme Division]

Agenda Item No.6: Consultation of NCPCR with Ministry of Home Affairs to review the SOP of Trafficking of Children for Labour:

An SOP was issued by MHA specifically to handle **Trafficking of Children for Child Labour –measures to be taken for rescue of Trafficked child labourers and action against the traffickers / employers on 12th August 2013.**

As such a consultation & review of the said SOP is required so that it is updated w.r.t. the major changes that have taken place in the child Labour subjects after 2013.



An updated SOP on the above subject will help in proper understanding of laws, role & functions of Anti Human Trafficking Unit under MHA which plays a pivotal role in all cases of trafficking.

Decision: This item was withdrawn by the Member.

[Action: Member (RT)]

Agenda Item No.7: District & UT level Consultation on Child Labour & CLPRA of J& K and Ladakh UTs:

Child Labour Division has proposed District & UT level Consultation on Child Labour & CLPRA of J& K and Ladakh UTs. NCPCR will get a grass-root understanding of different industries involving child labour & the implementation of the CLPRA Act in both the UTs.

Decision: This item was withdrawn by the Member as district and UT level consultations have already been done for all the Acts.

[Action: Member (RT)]

Agenda Item No.8: Regional Consultation on Rule 2C of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment (children working as artists in an audio-visual entertainment industry, including advertisement, films, television serials or any such other entertainment or sports activities):

Child Labour Division has proposed a meeting with various govt. stakeholders & representatives regional audio visual industry on Guidelines for defining age-related norms for the participation of children in TV/Reality shows; ensuring the physical conditions and safety of children; setting up of regulatory and monitoring mechanisms; and ensuring education of child participants as recommended by NCPCR in 2011.

Decision: This item was withdrawn by the Member.

[Action: Member (RT)]

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

