

Minutes of the 45th Statutory Meeting of the Commission held on 5th February, 2021 in the Conference Room (5th Floor) of NCPCR, Chanderlok Building, Janpath, New Delhi.

The 45th Statutory Meeting of the Commission was held on 05.02.2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room (5th Floor) of NCPCR. The following were present:

1. Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Chairperson
2. Shri Yashwant Jain, Member
3. Dr. R.G. Anand, Member
4. Ms. Pragna Parande, Member
5. Ms. Rosy Taba, Member
6. 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 44th Statutory Meeting of the Commission held on 09.11.2020:

The Chairperson informed that the Minutes of the 44th Statutory Meeting of the Commission were treated as confirmed as no comments were received.

Action Taken Reports (ATRs) on decisions taken in the 44th Statutory Meeting of the Commission held on 09.11.2020:

Action Taken Reports (ATRs) on decisions taken in the 44th 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 30th to 43rd Statutory Meetings of the Commission:

Pending Action Taken Reports (ATRs) on decisions taken in the 30th to 43rd 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 (PSYCHOLOGY & SOCIOLOGY) - DR. R.G. ANAND:

Agenda Item No.1: SAMVEDNA-2.0, Toll Free Tele – Counselling for survivors of Child Sexual Abuse

SAMVEDNA-1.0 – A toll free tele counselling exclusively for children affected during COVID-19 pandemic was started by NCPCR in the month of September (19th) for three months and continuing now as well.

It is pertinent to mention here that children who experience sexual abuse may not be able to articulate about what they went through, and may be scared and anxious to talk to family members, policeman and others. Therefore, Counsellors play an important role, to which a child can share and express freely.

Therefore, the Commission is extending and introducing **SAMVEDNA-2.0**, toll free tele counselling facilities with the existing Counsellors of I-CAN exclusively for survivors of child sexual abuse (POCSO). Training for the Counsellors on dealing with survivors of POCSO will be organized with NIMHANS.

To disseminate the information of SAMVEDNA-2.0 a short audio video will be developed as per DAVP rates and will be disseminated through various media platforms.

Decision: This was noted by the Commission. The Member was asked to put up the proposal on file. He was also advised to prepare a Concept Note and circulate the same to all Members of the Commission.

[Action: Member (RGA)]

Agenda Item No.2: Assessment of Psycho-social situation of children post COVID in North East States and UTs of India:

During this perilous time of COVID-19 pandemic, children are prone to various forms of abuses, exploitation; they are experiencing fear, trauma and anxiety and other psychosocial issues, which may affect their overall development, sometimes with irreparable long-term consequences.

In order to assess psycho-social situation of such children and review the situation, in States and facilities in the Districts, of North East States viz; Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Tripura, Nagaland and Sikkim and UTs- Andaman & Nicobar, Daman & Diu, , Member Child Psychology & Sociology will visit the Districts and hold review meetings..

Decision: This was noted by the commission. The Member was advised to prepare a concept note and put up the same on file.

[Action: Member (RGA)]



Agenda Item No.3: Launch of Toll Free Tele Counselling for children of Martyrs:

A toll free tele-counselling facility has been initiated by NCPCR for providing psycho-social, emotional and other necessary support exclusively for children of martyrs of Border Security Forces (BSF) initially and then will be extended to all the armed forces. Apart from providing counselling support, the Commission as per its mandate u/s 13(1)(J) of CPCR Act, 2005, will redress their grievances pertaining to violation and deprivation of rights and entitlements of children of martyrs. The official launch of the tele counselling will take place in February, 2021.

Decision: The proposal was withdrawn by the Member.

[Action: Member (RGA)]

II. AGENDA ITEM PROPOSED BY CHILD HEALTH DIVISION:

Agenda Item No.4: Joint Action Plan for Prevention of children with drugs and substance use:-

A Joint Action Plan for Prevention of children with drugs and substance use has been drafted by NCPCR and circulated to all the Members of the Commission and concerned stakeholders. Joint Action Plan is placed for ratification of the Commission.

Decision: This was ratified by the Commission.

[Action (Child Health Division)]

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

