



CAMP/BENCH REPORT

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**NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS
NEW DELHI**

Working Report

INTRODUCTION

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) conducted its National Bench/Camp in Kandhamal District which is situated in Odisha. The programme was organised on 21st November, 2019 and was chaired by Dr. R. G. Anand, Honourable Member of National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR). The bench also consisted of Smt. Sandhya Pradhan, Chairperson from Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSCPCR); and Shri. Harihar Nayak, Member (OSCPCR); Shri Madhusudan Mishra, SDM; and Shri Deben Kumar Pradhan, Addl. District Magistrate, Dhule. The Bench/Camp at Kandhamal received complaints from the District administration and Non Governmental Organisations (NGO) involved from both the districts across the various sectors of health, education, juvenile justice, child labour etc. despite prevailing child- centric issues in all the core indicators of development as stated by NITI AAYOG.

The key highlights of the Bench/Camp were:-

- The Bench/Camp received 1091 complaints and passed orders on more than 300 complaints on the same day.
- Honorable Member Dr. R. G. Anand of NCPCR, directed to visit all school premises where infrastructural deficits were reported and a report to be forwarded to the commissions;
- Mr. Akshay Ku. Panda, the district Disability Officer was directed to provide physiotherapy , speech therapy and plastic surgery to the children in need of it at the earliest and to submit an action taken report of the same to the Commission.
- Under the supervision of Honorable Member dr. R. G anand, equipment was given to Divyang Children on the spot with the help of district officials.
- Cases of non availability of caste certificate due to which admission in school were denied also reported. M (RGA) directed to issue the certificate to all such children in district.
- Arrangements of numerous stalls were made by the district Administration with the help of Childline of Kandhamal and the NGO's to create awareness amongst the people who had come to register their complaints on the day of the bench/Camp. A skit was also organized by the district organisation to reach to the local people in simplified way.
- The district Administration had organized a 'plastic collecting competition' for the children residing in the various CCIs and the children who collected the maximum amount of plastic waste, were given a reward for the same.

- Furthermore, since the district of Kandhamal is predominant in tribal population, the response from public was also limited to significant insufficiencies in infrastructure , health, education etc. However, the field work required from the end of district Administration especially the DCPO and NGOs including Childline in rural areas have otherwise extended as the building block in getting attention to the issues of tribal population and getting their complaints registered on the day of Bench/Camp.

BEFORE THE SITTING OF THE BENCH/CAMP

1. Ngo Consultation Meet

The National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights conducted an NGO Consultation meet on 20th November, 2019. In that session, NCPCR team along with the DCPO, Smt. Rashmita Karan informed the NGO's about the objective and purpose of constituting a national bench/camp related to child rights violations in the district and asked them to bring complaint grid or complainants highlighting the child rights violation from the district on the day of the sitting of National Bench. There were many who NGOs who participated in this meeting, However, the active NGOs were Saadhan, Janavikas, Swati and Vanavasi.

The Key highlights from the Consultation Meetings were:-

- From list of 54 NGOs registered in Niti Aayog Darpan Portal only 12 NGOs attended the consultation meeting at Circuit House, meeting hall.
- The 12 NGOs from Kandhamal district were representative from the area of children education and literacy , health & Family welfare, CCI & rural development.
- Based on the emails communicated to all the 54 NGOs and follow up initiated over call over a span of week before the bench, there were no complaints presented by NGOs.
- Since, the meeting to brief the NGOs was conveyed two days before the bench, the NGOs effectively had one more day to initiate field work and generate complaints from public domain or based on the evaluations of their previous work done in the district.
- They were encouraged to spread awareness about the sitting of NCPCR Bench/Camp and report about the complaints as much as possible.
- Only few NGOs participated on the Day of the sitting of the Bench/ camp.

S.No.	Name of the District	Total No. of NGO's	No. of NGO's at Consultation Meeting	Registration of the NGO's from 10 districts (%)
1	Kandhamal	54	12	22%

Before the sitting of Bench/ Camp, NCPCR held a consultation with the District Officials of Kandhamal on 20th November, 2019. The Officials were also informed about their responsibility in this whole process and how they are suppose to redress in accordance to the methodology laid down by NCPCR for redressal of complaints related to child rights violations on the day of the sitting of the Bench/ Camp from their districts. Furthermore, a meeting with the Volunteers was also conducted giving them the Know-how of their duties and responsibilities during the Bench/Camp. A mock camp/ Bench scenario was carried out with the help of the complaints already collected by the NGOs before the sitting of the bench to explain in details the entire process.

ON THE DAY OF THE SITING OF BENCH/ CAMP

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The Complaints received were segregated based on the 6 areas that come under section 3 of CPCR Act, 2005. The highest numbers of cases were registered under Juvenile Justice Division which is 553, 368 under education, 163 under Health division, 3 under POCSO (laws related to children) and 3 under Child labour division.

Name of the District	Educatio n	Juvenile Justice	Child Health	POCSO	Child Labour	Other	Total
Kandhamal	368	553	163	3	3	1	1090

DISCLAIMER: The data presented above is the initial data as per the day of the Camp/ Bench.

Juvenile Justice

The bench/Camp received 553 complaints on the day of the sittings of the bench/Camp. The complaints are further divided into various section:

SECTION	NATURE OF COMPLAINTS
1	Cases related to child sponsorship
2	Kidnapping of Child
3	Infrastructural deficit and irregularities in CCIs
4	Cases related to missing Children
5	Staff related issues of Child Welfare officers/ DCPU and other department etc.
6	Cruelty of Child
7	Caste Certificate or other identity proof including Aadhar Card

POCSO (LAWS RELATED TO CHILDREN)

The bench/Camp received 3 complaints on the day of the sittings of the bench/Camp.

SECTION	NATURE OF COMPLAINTS
1	Sexual Abuse and harassment of girl child

Child Labour

The bench/Camp received 3 complaints on the day of the sittings of the bench/Camp. The complaints are further divided into various section.

HEALTH

The bench/Camp received 163 complaints on the day of the sittings of the bench/Camp. The complaints are further divided into various section.

SECTION	NATURE OF COMPLAINTS
1	Cases related to Differently Abled Children
2	Cases related to Anganwadi Centre
3	Cases related to treatment of children

4	Children with sickle cell disease
5	Financial help for advanced treatment
6	Issuing of disability certificate
7	Establishment of Anganwadi Centres
8	Cases related to provide disability pension to children with disability certificate

EDUCATION

The bench/Camp received 368 complaints on the day of the sittings of the bench/Camp. The complaints are further divided into various section.

SECTION	NATURE OF COMPLAINTS
1	Construction and infrastructural issues in schools
2	Cases related to Management of School
3	Cases related to residential school
4	Issue of denial of admission in school
5	Financial aid to children for pursuing higher education
6	Cases pertaining to instituting new schools
7	Cases regarding irregularity of teachers in school
8	Cases with respect to out of school children

Complaint Analysis According to NITI AAYOG INDICATORS

The National bench of NCPCR is being conducted in those districts which are declared 'aspirational' by NITI Aayog. The NITI Aayog analysed these districts based on 49 indicators segregated in five sectors- Health, Education, Agriculture & Water Resources, Financial Inclusion and Basic Infrastructure. Since NCPCR has a mandate to take complaints in the matters related to child rights violations. Therefore, the commission has placed its focus on three key sectors- Education & Nutrition Focusing on the Facilities provided to children.

Subject	Indicator	Complaints received
E D U C A T I O N	Transition rate from primary to upper primary school level & Transition rate from upper primary to secondary school level	Children dropping out from school & denial of admission of children to school
	-Toilet access: percentage schools with functional girls' toilets	Complaint were received regarding schools where toilets were dysfunctional
H E A L T H	Proportion of Anganwadis with own buiding	Inadequate facilities in anganwadi situated in tribal area along with major infrastructural issues in the existing Anganwadi Centres.

OUTCOMES

Major issues that were identified by the Commission while conducting bench/camp in Kandhamal were related to the lack of basic amenities like education, health and nutrition in tribal areas. Basic survival facilities have seemingly always been out of reach for people living in tribal areas leading to a substantial increase in absenteeism from school, malnutrition and fundamental health problems. Connectivity to others areas has also proven to be a major hindrance in the community leading the tribal people to live in isolation. Inadequate condition of Anganwadis, absence of referral centres and lack of health clinics in the tribal areas have also added to the undermining condition of the people in the district. Consequently, major steps are required to be taken to get the concerned people a chance at right subsistence.

CONCLUSION

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) registered 1091 complaints on the day of the Bench/ Camp. More than 300 complaints were resolved and submitted to the respective departments to take actions on the issues related to Child Rights Violations on the day of the sitting of the bench/camp under a stipulated time period. The Bench received representatives of the cases related to child rights violations under the broad categories of Health, Education, Child Labour, Juvenile Justice etc. The commission received extensive support from the district administration, Kandhamal and the response of the DCPO was exemplary fr. The volunteers assigned by the District Administration apart from district administration team, helped in running the proceedings of the Bench/Camp smoothly. Child line and teachers helped the complainant from

registering the complaint to help them in writing the complaint & translating the language from Odiya to English/ Hindi for many complaints on the day of the bench. Nevertheless, significant directions were passed in monitoring and implementation of various child rights related laws and policies.

ANNEXURE

S.No.	Name of NGO	Contact details
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