



# CAMP/BENCH REPORT

RI-BHOI, MEGHALAYA  
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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS  
NEW DELHI

*Working Report*

## INTRODUCTION

The Commission conducted its 31<sup>st</sup> Bench/Camp in Ri-Bhoi District of Meghalaya. The Bench/ Camp was organised on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The Bench/Camp consisted of the Smt. Pragna Parande, Honourable Member, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) along with, Smt. M. Kharkongor Chairperson from Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Smt. R M Kurbah, (IAS) Deputy Commissioner of Ri-Bhoi, district also in charge of NITI AYOOG, Fellow of Ri Bhoi. Additional Deputy Commissioner of Ri-bhoi, district of Meghalaya, Smt. Kum B.Kharlukhi, Judicial Magistrate and Shri C. Syrti, (MPS) SP Police of Ri-bhoi district. The objective of conducting the Bench/Camp is to increase the outreach and visibility of the Commission by directly taking cognizance on the matters pertaining to child rights violations.



## ABOUT THE BENCH/CAMP

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- The Bench/Camp shall consist of Members from NCPCR.
- **Submission of written grievance by the applicant-** The applicant will make a written submission to NCPCR with details of the grievance. The complaint should include complete name of the complainant along with contact details. A token number shall be provided to the complainant.
- **Initial analysis of the complaint-** The NCPCR officials shall examine the complaint and prepare a gist of the matter on the prescribed format along with proposed action and concerned authority for redressal. The gist along with original complaint shall be forwarded to the Bench/Camp.
- **Opportunity for presentation by the applicant-** The applicant will be provided an opportunity to represent the matter before the Bench/Camp.
- **Directions/order of the Bench/Camp-** The Bench/Camp shall give its decision for redressal of the grievance and recommendation of further action to the concerned authority. If required, the concerned authority present during the sitting of the Bench/Camp shall be consulted for their views.

## INVOLVEMENT OF NGO'S IN THE BENCH/CAMP

NCPCR communicated Non-Governmental Organization about the objective of conducting the bench/camp by sending letters to the NGO's working in the district. The list of the respective NGO's was taken from the NITI Darpan portal. A letter and a copy of the information regarding the bench/camp were issued to NGO from NCPCR and follow up calls were made accordingly from the commission. The Commission asked them to attend a consultation meeting a day before the sitting of the bench/camp.

### **The objective of conducting a meeting with the NGO's was:-**

- To make NGO's realize their responsibilities towards the children, since NGO's are one such organization that are working relentlessly at the grass root level and are very well aware of the problems in their district.
- To bring complaint grid or complainants or represent cases on behalf of the children pertaining to child rights violation from there district on the day of the sitting of bench/ camp.
- To disseminate information to the local people not just about the bench/camp being conducted in their districts but also sensitize them about the National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) and its mandate to take cognizance on matters relating to child rights violations.

## BEFORE THE SITTING OF THE BENCH/CAMP

### NGO CONSULTATION MEET

Before the sitting of the bench/camp, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights held a consultation meeting with the NGO's on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019. NCPCR Team also brief the NGO's and the department officials about their responsibility in this whole process and asked them to bring complaints related to child rights violation on the day of the sitting of the bench/camp from their districts. There were around 10 NGO's who were listed in NITI Ayog Darpan Portal out of which 4 NGOs were present during the said meeting.

### INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS & ANGANWADI CENTRES

NCPCR officials conducted inspections in Anganwadi centres, school in Ri Bhoi district. NCPCR team was accompanied by two officers from District Child Protection Unit (DCPU). The objective of conducting the inspection was to review the performance and standards of the facilities provided to the children in AWC's and School and simultaneously take suo moto cognizance on the matters pertaining to child rights violations in these institutes.



A surprise visit of the Superintendent Office, Children Home for boys on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2019, at Nongpoh in Ri Bhoi and SOS village in Shillong (Meghalaya), was done by a team of NCPCR under the leadership of Member (Juvenile Justice).



## ON THE DAY OF THE SITTING OF THE BENCH/CAMP

The Commission conducted its 31<sup>st</sup> Bench/Camp in Ri Bhoi District which is situated in Meghalaya. The Bench was organized on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The Bench/Camp consisted of **Smt. Pragna Parande**, Honorable Member, (Juvenile Justice) National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Smt. M. Kharkongor Chairperson from Meghalaya State Commission for protection of Child Rights, Deputy Commissioner of host district along SP, ADC and other concern officials were present during the bench. Response from various stakeholders involved in making this camp a success.

The key highlights of the Bench/Camp were:-

- The Bench/Camp received 180 complaints from Ri Bhoi district out of which 163 complainants were heard by the Bench.
- The Nodal Officers from all the department of the Ri Bhoi district were participated and provided their valuable support to the Bench/Camp.
- The Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights also helped in mobilizing people and respective NGO's from various districts on the day of the sitting of the bench/Camp.
- The representation of the NGO's during the proceeding was not up to the mark. Only few NGO's volunteered in this endeavour and brought the complaints and the complainants before the bench/Camp.
- Deputy Commissioner of Ri Bhoi, district of Meghalaya directed the District Education Officer, to take all the necessary steps to ensure the clean drinking water and toilet facilities and submit the report to Deputy Commissioner within time bound manner. She also directed education department for inspection of all the schools in Ri Bhoi district and submit the report.
- Deputy Commissioner and Additional Deputy Commissioner and other concerned officials helped the Commission to generate the complaint of child rights violation.

- District Administration officials helped in registering the names and writing complaints on behalf of the complainants during the bench/camp and provided all the necessary assistance required for the bench/camp.
- The Nodal Officers from Health, Education, Police, Medical, ICPS/ICDS, Electricity, PHE, DCPO, CWC, JJB, Child line and Transport department and other concern officials from administration were present during the Bench/Camp.
- The Commission received complaints from schools brought by the district educational officer. POCSO and other cases were brought by DCPU, Ri-bhoi. The representations from the NGOs signed on the Darpan Portal were negligible.



Complaints details:

S.NO.	DEPARTMENTS	TOTAL COMPLAINTS
1	Juvenile Justice	09
2	Education	143
3	Laws relating to Children (POCSO)	16
4	Health	5
5	General Complaint	5
7	Child Labour	2
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>180</b>

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

## COMPLAINT ANALYSIS ACCORDING TO NITI AAYOG INDICATORS

The National bench/camp 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 two key sectors- Education & Health & Nutrition focusing on the facilities provided to children. Then again while examining the complaints that Commission received while conducting the bench/camp in aspirational district, not all complaints could be analysed based on the indicators laid down by the NITI Aayog. Education sector is analysed based on 8 major indicators laid down by Niti Aayog.

## OUTCOMES

It was observed that major reasons for children dropping out from school is the distance between their home and the school and factors like- non-availability of roads and transportation facility also lead to children dropping out from schools. The bench/camp has received such complaints where complainants were demanding the transport facility and construction of roads near their village so that children can continue going to school. Inadequate condition of Anganwadi and lack of basic health infrastructure in the tribal areas have also added to the undermining condition of the tribal people in the District. Consequently, major steps are required to be taken to get the concerned tribal people a chance at Right to subsistence.

## CONCLUSION

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights registered 180 complaints on the day of of the bench/camp. 163 complaints were resolved and submitted to the respective departments to take action on the issues related to child rights violation on the day of the sitting of the bench/camp. The Commission received an overwhelming support not just from the administration but from the people as well. The district administration and especially Deputy Commissioner has shown positive response towards the bench/camp. The district administration provided all the necessary support to the team from NCPCR in successfully conducting the bench/camp at Ri Bhoi, district Meghalaya.

ANNEXURE

S.No.	Name of NGO	Contact details
1.	<b>MOSONIE SOCIOECONOMIC FOUNDATION</b>	8751840425 <a href="mailto:swhacs@gmail.com">swhacs@gmail.com</a>
2.	<b>FRANCISCAN CAPUCHIN SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY</b>	8473024524 <a href="mailto:capuchinhouse@yahoo.co.in">capuchinhouse@yahoo.co.in</a>
3.	<b>UNION CHRISTIAN COLLEGE</b>	8974206428 <a href="mailto:ban1787@hotmail.com">ban1787@hotmail.com</a>
4.	<b>KHARKONGOR EDUCATIONAL PROMOTIONAL SOCIETY</b>	8787683764 <a href="mailto:kharkongorpromotionaleducation@gmail.com">kharkongorpromotionaleducation@gmail.com</a>

**LIST OF OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENTS TO BE PRESENT DURING THE SITTING OF THE BENCH/ CAMP**

1. State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR)
2. District Collector/District Magistrate of the Host District
3. Sub-Divisional Magistrate
4. Members of Juvenile Justice Board
5. Chairperson/Members of Child Welfare Committee
6. Superintendent of Police
7. Child Welfare Police Officers
8. Special Juvenile Police Units
9. Nodal Officers for ICDS
10. Nodal Officers for ICPS
11. Chief Medical Officer
12. District Legal Services Authority
13. Assistant Labour Commissioners (District level in-charge)
14. District Social Justice Officer
15. District nodal officer for Welfare of SCs & STs
16. District nodal officer for Welfare of OBCs
17. District nodal officer for Welfare of Minorities
18. District nodal officer for Tribal Welfare Department
  
19. District- level Education Officer (primary to secondary)
20. Representative from DIETs
21. Divisional/District Fee Regulatory Authority
22. District nodal officer from Public Health Engineering Department
23. District nodal officer from Rural Road
24. District nodal officer from Department of Road Transport



25. District nodal officer from Public Works Department
26. District Food & Supplies Controller
27. Block Development Officers (BDOs)
28. District Panchayat Officer
29. CEO, Local Urban Bodies CEO, Local Rural Bodies
30. Childline

# Picture of the Camp/ Bench

