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### Office Order

**Subject: Constitution of NCPCR Advisory Committee on JJ and POCSO Act.**

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has been constituted by the Government of India, Ministry of Women & Child Development as a statutory Body under Section 3 of the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 (No. 4 of 2006) for dealing with protection of Child Rights and related matters and to exercise the powers conferred on and to perform the functions assigned to it, under this Act.

2. Among the functions, under Section 13(1) of the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005, the Commission is to examine and review the safeguards provided by or under any law for the time being in force or the protection of child rights and recommend measures for their effective implementation.

3. The Government of India has enacted various legislations so far for protection of children and the JJ Act and the POCSO Act are crucial legislations for ensuring protection rights of children. The Commission is required to review, examine and monitor the implementation of these two legislations and recommend policy interventions.

4. More specifically under Section 44 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and Rule 6 of the same Act, the Commission is the designated authority to monitor its implementation.

5. The NCPCR has decided to constitute an Advisory Committee for JJ & POCSO Act comprising the representatives of Union Ministries (GOI), UN Agencies, Non Governmental Organisations, research institutions, Authorities and individual experts to advise the Commission to pursue the above functions and mandates more effectively.

The composition of the Advisory Committee is as follows:

**I. Ex Officio Members**

- (i) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development,
- (ii) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs
- (iii) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice

## II. Four Chairpersons of State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (by rotation)

### III. Authorities

- (i) Members Secretary, National Legal Services Authority, New Delhi
- (ii) Members Secretary, Medical Council of India, New Delhi

### IV. Institutions

- (i) Centre for Child and the Law, NLSUI, Bangalore
- (ii) Centre for Law and Society, TISS, Mumbai
- (iii) National Law University, New Delhi

### V. UN Agencies

- (i) UNICEF
- (ii) UN Women

### VI. Non-Governmental Organizations

- (i) Lawyers Collectives, New Delhi
- (ii) Childline India Foundation, Mumbai
- (iii) Indian Alliance for Child Rights, New Delhi
- (iv) Save the Children, New Delhi
- (v) Human Rights Law Network, New Delhi
- (vi) Butterflies, New Delhi
- (vii) Tulir – Centre for Prevention and Healing of Child Sexual Abuse, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- (viii) Vatsalya, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- (ix) Plan India, New Delhi
- (x) CEHAT, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- (xi) Aangan Trust, New Delhi

### VII. Individual Experts

- (i) Prof. Ved Kumari, Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi
- (ii) Prof. B. B. Pandey, Chairman, Committee for Drafting Model Rules for the JJ Act, 2007
- (iii) Dr. Bharti Sharma, Former Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee
- (iv) Ms. Meera Haran Alva, Bangalore
- (v) Dr. Rajeev Seth, President, India Academy of Paediatrics, Delhi
- (vi) Dr. Achal Bhagat, Director, Saarthak Mental Health Service, New Delhi

## 6. Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Advisory Committee

NCPCR Advisory Committee on JJ & POCSO Act shall endeavour to form a holistic understanding, view and approach in order to inform and suggest policy, legislative and administrative reforms and schemes, plans and programmes and also shall provide advice/recommendations to Commission with regard to effective measures for review and monitoring the implementation of the JJ and POSCO Act.

In order to achieve the aforesaid purpose, the Committee shall undertake the following activities and shall take into account the outcomes thereof:



- (i) Review and assess the status of implementation of the JJ Act and POCSO Act;
- (ii) Advise the Commission on issues and concerns relating to policies, legislations; pertaining to the Juvenile Justice Act and the POSCO Act and review and monitoring of the implementation of these Acts;
- (iii) Suggest themes/subjects/areas for study and research and provide critical evaluation during the study;
- (iv) Provide contribution through active participation in periodic meetings held by the Commission;

The Committee will be chaired by the Chairperson of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

7. **Tenure:** The Committee is being constituted initially for one year.

The Chairperson of the Committee, if deemed necessary, may co-opt additional members.

8. **Entitlements –**

- (i) **Individuals** – Individual experts will be entitled to economy class air fare by the shortest route and an honorarium of Rs.2,000/- for attending the Committee meetings.
- (ii) **Non-Governmental Organisations –**
  - a) **In case of the Head of the Organization** – Economy class air fare by the shortest route and an honorarium of Rs. 2,000/- for attending the Committee meetings.
  - b) **In case of nominee of Non-Governmental Organizations** – Train fare by AC II Tier. In case of travel by road, the reimbursement will be limited to train fare of AC II tier (*subject to production of actual ticket/receipt*) and an honorarium of Rs. 1000/- for attending the Committee meetings.
- (iii) **Governmental Organizations** – TA/DA will be paid as per their entitlements in their respective organizations.

9. All the Members/individuals/institutions/organizations are requested to convey their consent at the earliest so as to enable us to convene the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Advisory Committee.

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Director

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All concerned.

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