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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS

Minutes of the meeting convened on 11th July, 2017

A post-rescue guideline for Trafficked Child Survivor from various states after being rescued from NCR region



**Organised at
Conference room, 2nd Floor, Chanderlok Building,
36th Janpath, New Delhi**

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1. INTRODUCTION

Trafficking of children is a heinous crime involving illegal procuring and relocation of children, typically for the purposes of forced labour or sexual exploitation for financial gains. Conditioned to obey through physical and psychological violence, children are often kept in alien places. Linguistic and geographic isolation strengthens the grip that traffickers have on their victims who are unable to escape. Victims are lured or abducted from their homes and subsequently forced to work against their wish through pressure in various establishments; used for prostitution or subjected to various types of indignities and even killed or incapacitated for the purposes of begging or made to commit petty crimes. The Law in connection with trafficking are as follows:

- i) Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act 1956.
- ii) Human Trafficking (section 370 & 370A IPC).

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING TO FRAME GUIDELINES

- 2.1.** To facilitate accommodation for police and survivors of the trafficked child's family.
- 2.2.** To arrange transport facilities by the concerned State when the victim is found dead or when rescued from NCR;
- 2.3.** To facilitate police/victims/victims' family for restoration to the concerned parents State/District and for railway ticket confirmation;
- 2.4.** To display a board at the reception, showing helpline numbers and list of concerned persons/NGOs;
- 2.5.** To frame a Resource Directory consisting of all helpline number of Child Protection units and connected NGO's.

- 2.6.** The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) organized a meeting for framing guidelines for rescued trafficked child survivors from NCR

region at New Delhi on 11th July 2017. In all, 25 officers of State Governments and Non-Government Organizations participated in the meeting. List of participants is attached at **Annexure**. The meeting was presided over by Smt. Stuti Kacker, Chairperson, NCPCR. Shri Yashwant Jain and Smt. Rupa Kapoor, Members, NCPCR were also present.

3. Chairperson, NCPCR, while welcoming the Resident Commissioners of the States and other participants gave a brief introduction to the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, POCSO Act, 2012, RTE Act, 2009 and spoke about the importance of post rescue process of the trafficked children. She sought the cooperation of all Resident Commissioners to for such children. She shared that child trafficking is an organized crime and offer accompanied by sexual exploitation. She informed that the Commission is planning to conduct a special campaign to restore trafficked/missing children living in various Child Care Institutions to their respective families/States. She also apprised the participants about an *app J4C*, a unique initiative of Antakshari Foundation which is initial a resource book containing important numbers of Child Welfare Committees of the States. She requested the participants to provide their valuable suggestions to frame guidelines to facilitate the restoration of rescued traffic survivors.

3.1. Initiating the discussion, Shri Yashwant Jain, Member, NCPCR said that the Resident Commissioners are working as Ambassadors of their States and therefore it is their moral as well as legal responsibility for post-rescue facilitation of trafficked child survivors. He shared an experience where a girl child from Chhattisgarh was repatriated with the help of social media and was sent back to her parental home. The Resident Commissioners were requested to visit to Child Care Institutions in NCR to identity children from their States. The Member briefed participants on the important provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, and the POCSO Act 2012 with special emphasis on nature of crime and punishment under these Acts along with; role of CWC and JJB; role of Children's Homes etc.. He also spoke about Sections 77 and 78 of Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 which deal with giving narcotics drugs or tobacco products to any child and using children for vending, peddling, carrying, supplying or smuggling any intoxicating liquor, narcotics drug or psychotropic substances.

3.2. Consultant/Trafficking, NCPCR Shri Abhijit Roy made a brief presentation on the status of “Child Trafficking”. Shri Ravi Kant from Shakti Vahini, an NGO, also made a presentation on “Response of NGOs in assisting the inter-state co-ordination”.

4. Jharkhand: Nodal Officer shared following initiatives taken by Jharkhand to combat child trafficking:

- Establishment of a Help Desk for Wing of Anti-Trafficking at State Bhavan;
- Installation an Emergency Helpline no. 10582 (Women and Children);
- SOP on guideline with Railway Ministry;
- Arranged accommodation for police and survivors of the trafficked child’s family.

5. Odisha: Officer on Special Duty shared the following initiatives taken:

- Formulation of Action Plan on Trafficking in 2012.
- Persons deputed as language interpreters.
- Letters sent to Deputy Commissioner for address verification and keeping of surveillance over next one year.
- Formulated structure for better communication co-ordination, accommodation and helpline numbers.

6. Haryana: Programme Officer informed that:

- Would propose necessary requirements to State Govt.;
- Would create Help Desk.

7. Assam: Dy. Secretary and Officer on Special Duty shared:

- Setting up of regional language cell;
- Established contact with nearby hotel, or Dharmashala for accommodation;

8. **Andhra Pradesh**: Special Commissioner/OSD shared the following:
- Co-ordinated with Chief Minister's office and made arrangement by flight for travelling and sent back survivors to State;
9. **Chhattisgarh**: Resident Commissioner informed:
- Received cases of Child Labour survivors and co-ordinated the same with State police;
 - State Bhawan is used to co-ordinate with Superintendent of Police and office also District Administration after rescue of survivors.
 - The Bhawan will take up the issue to the Government of Chhattisgarh for formulating a remedial action plan.
10. **Madhya Pradesh**: Addl. Resident Commissioner informed:
- Establishment a Child Helpline No. 07552755;
 - Issues regarding steps to be taken by Resident Commissioner are being proposed to the State Authorities.
11. **West Bengal**: Deputy Resident Commissioner and Liaison Officer shared:
- Web page of Bhavan which displayed Child Helpline number;
 - Accommodations and other measures are being taken care of;
 - Arranged vehicles, confirmation of railway tickets etc.
12. **Uttar Pradesh**: Additional Resident Commissioner (Finance) informed of:
- Provisioning of Special fund to Resident Commissioner;
 - Addressed letters to District Administration for rescue of survivors;
 - Established District Protection Centres in NOIDA and Ghaziabad;
 - Other issues would be taken up with the State Government.
13. The Chairpersons, Child Welfare Committees of Delhi shared the following:

- Formulation of Standard Operating Procedure for restoration;
- Pointed out that there is a lack of information regarding missing children from other States;
- Recovery of back wages of rescued survivors and its deposition in their bank account in the concerned States.

14. After discussing the above points, there was a consensus that Resident Commissioners of the State:

- i) Should display Children Helpline numbers on their website and reception desk prominently;
- ii) Should facilitate confirmation of reservation for police personnel, child trafficked survivor/family member.
- iii) Ensure and keep the information of registration of placement agencies running in their States.
- iv) Provide accommodation to the victim's family;
- v) Keep information on CWC, CCI's, Dharamshalas, nearby hotel etc. for ready reference.
- vi) Propose creation of Special Fund for this purpose to their States;
- vii) Devise SOP on missing /rescued/trafficked children.
- viii) Follow rules as laid down in the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 and restoration of children through the Child Welfare Committees.
- ix) Follow-up of trafficked child cases for one year after repatriation of children by Resident Commissioner.
- x) Download J4C app (justice for children app) on their smart phones for important contact.

15. Shri Yashwant Jain, Member, NCPCR concluded the meeting with a vote of thanks, and requested all to play a proactive role as and when required for restoration of trafficked child survivors after being rescued from NCR region.



List of Participants

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Department/Organisation
1	Tapash Deb	DS & OSD	Govt. of Assam
2	Ravi Kant	President	Shakti Vahini
3	Samal Dass	Asstt.	Govt. of Haryana
4	Pooja Pande	Programe Officer	HSCPCR, Panchkula, Haryana
5	Sushma Vij	Chairperson	CWC, Mayur Vihar, Delhi
6	Seema Khadeker	Chairperson	CWC, Rohini, Delhi
7	Dr. S. R. Sharma	Chairperson	CWC, Dilshad Garden, NCT of Delhi
8	S.K. Ojha	Resident Commissioner	Chhattisgarh
9	Rajdeep Datta	DRC & LO	Govt. West Bengal
10	Sunite Aditya	Addl. Res. Commissioner (Finance)	Govt. of Uttar Pradesh
11	B.S. Niraja	Dy. Chief Prob. Officer, Meerut	Women Welfare, Uttar Pradesh
12	Sucharita Sarangi	OSD	The Chief Residant Commissioner Govt. of Odisha
13	Dr. K.C. Virmani	Chairperson	CWC-III, Delhi
14	Prakash Unhale	Add. Resident Commissioner	Govt. of Madhya Pradesh
15	Kala Nath	Nodal Officer	Jharkhand Bhawan, Delhi
16	Kavita Bhandari	Member	CWC, West Delhi
17	Ashish Rai	counsellor	SRC, Jharkhand Bhawan, Delhi
18	M. Rana Rao	Special Commissioner/OSD	Andhra Pradesh Bhawan, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh
19	Md. Salam Khan	Chairperson	CWC, DWCD
20	Heenu Singh	Regional Head CIF	Childline Foundation
21	Shaiju Varghese	Senior Program Coordinator,	Childline Foundation
22	Rumpa Namoy	Program Manager	Shakti Vahini

23	Asif Iqbal	member	CWC, Lajpat Nagar
24	Kapil Sharma	Co-ordinator	My Home India
25	Shakti Singh	Co-ordinator	My Home India