



TELENGANA-ADILABAD BENCH/CAMP 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 conducted its Bench/Camp at Adilabad district in Telengana. The Bench/Camp was organised on 28th June 2019. The Bench/Camp consisted of Dr. R.G. Anand and Smt. Pragna Parande, Hon'ble Members of National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), Smt. D. Divya, District Collector of Adilabad, Shri. B. Gopi, Sub-Collector cum Special Officer, Shri. M. Prashanthi, I.A.S, District Collector of Nirmal.



BEFORE THE SITTING OF THE BENCH/CAMP

NGO CONSULTATION MEET

The National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights conducted an NGO Consultation meet on 26th June 2019. The meeting was organized at District Collectorate Office in Adilabad. The NCPCR team was led by Mr. Abhikarsh Tyagi consultant (Legal) along with three other consultants Ms. Karishma Buragohain (Education), Ms. Kalpana Balhara (JJ) and Ms. Deepti Yadav (JJ). The NCPCR team along with the Sub-Collector and District Welfare Officer of Adilabad District chaired the consultation meet. During the meeting, the NCPCR team informed the NGO's about the objective and purpose of constituting a national bench/camp related to child rights violations in the district. The team also informed the respective NGO's about the roles and responsibilities of the commission and work done by the commission all over the years in protecting and preserving the rights of children. Out of 21 NGO's registered under NITI Darpan portal around 15 NGO's participated in this meeting. The Commission informed the NGO's about the objective of National Bench/Camp and asked them to attend the meeting

to bring complaint grid or complainants highlighting the child rights violation from there district on the day of the sitting of National Bench.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NGO MEETINGS

- Around 15 NGO's participated in the meeting.
- Total 10 NGO's agreed to volunteer in running the Camp/ bench.
- NGO's highlighted the issue of absence of School building and anganwadis in tribal areas and non implementation of Right to Education Act, 2009

INSPECTION OF INSTITUTIONS RELATED TO CHILD WELFARE

The Officials of NCPCR conducted a one day inspection visit to Anganwadis Centers (AWC) and Schools in the Tribal areas of Adilabad district. NCPCR Team was accompanied by the officials of CWC and Child line. The objective of these inspections was to review the performance and standards of the facilities provided to the AWCs and Schools and simultaneously take suo-moto cognizance on the matters pertaining to Child Rights violations in these institutions.

ANGANWADIS CENTRES

The NCPCR team visited four Anganwadis in Adilabad District:

- The First visit was at Adegama K village in Echoda Mandal, there was no Anganwadi Centre in the village. The people of that community were tribal and mostly daily wage laborers. The living state of condition of these people was very poor. There were more than 100 members in the community and more than 20 children between the ages of 0-5 years. These people live in huts with no proper boundary walls and no proper roof above their head. The children of that area had no any access to medical health facilities; it has been observed by the NCPCR officials that the children's health conditions were deteriorated. These people sleeps in the open, their bodies were covered with mosquito bites and other insect bites. The food they consume was unhealthy. During the inspection, the NCPCR team got to know that in every year around 1-5 children dies owing to such lack of resources. These deaths were caused mostly due to snake bites and insect bites or through some other reason. Absence of Anganwadi, Child centres led threat to the safety of children leading to such incidents and cost them losing their lives.
- The Second visit was at Dubarpet village, Echoda Mandal. The Anganwadi centre had more than 20 children. The AWC was in poor condition, the infrastructure of the center was not maintained, there was no proper kitchen room, the cooking cylinder and stove in the same room posing threats to the children lives, the mid-day meal was not nutritious, the centre had no access to electricity, the children had to sit under the scorching sun as there was big hole in the ceiling roof.



At the time of NCPCR officials visit, there were no children at the center because the AWC was situated at the main road posing threat to the children's safety. Also, there was no boundary wall and gate. The parents were afraid to send their children to the centre due to fear of any accidents. The AWC had not maintained any registers regarding food, children's vaccinations, lactating mothers, attendance and visitors. The AWC teacher was absent during the visit. The teacher asked helper to look after the children. The centre had no materials for the children to play and learn.

- The Third Anganwadi Centre visit was visited at Raiguda village in Sirikonda Mandal. The AWC had no building of its own. The centre was running on a borrowed room from the Primary school. The centre had no access to electricity, the room was not maintained as per AWC guidelines and the room was equipped with steel rods and construction materials which poses risk to children's safety measures. The centre was built on flood based grassland, at the times of heavy rain it was difficult for the children to come to the centre. There was no proper drainage system, holding still water makes it worst, causing breed for insects and fungus. There was no proper boundary walls and gate. The Anganwadi children have to go to the school for mid-day meal. The centre did not follow any measures from the Anganwadi guidelines.



- The fourth visit was to the Suryapet village in Sirikonda mandal. There was no Anganwadi in the village. The whole village was situated in a tribal area. The people of that village were mostly daily wage labourers and farmers. The village was comprised of 50-60 adults and had more than 20 children from infant to 10 years. Some of the children in the village had lost their parents and stays with their grandparents and relatives. Some of the children were never been vaccinated. The people had no idea about PHC and other health care centres. There was no proper drinking water system; the water they drink was arsenic water which is unhealthy for the children's health.



SCHOOL VISITS

- The first school, the NCPCR officials visited was at Adegama K Village in Echoda Mandal at Adilabad. The school was closed for the last few years. The school had one big room with no blackboards or desks and benches or any other basic facilities needed in a school. There were more than 20 children waiting to go to school but no teachers was there to teach. Teachers were appointed to teach in school but they refused to come because there were no proper roads and lack of transportation.
- The second school visit was at Dubarpet Village in Echoda Mandal at Adilabad. There were total 32 children enrolled in the primary school with two teachers. The school had only one classroom and there was a separate kitchen room. Separate toilets for both the girls and boys but the toilets were in very bad condition. One of the major threats to these children was absence of boundary walls and gate. Also, the school was situated just at the side of the main road. The attendance of the children coming to school was very less because the parents were scared to send their kids to school.
- The third school visit was to TWPS Primary School at Raiguda Village in Sirikonda Mandal. There were 9 students present at the time of inspection. There was only one classroom, no basic infrastructure like desks and benches, ceiling fan, study materials, uniforms was available. The school was situated near the road and had no boundary wall and gate. The school had no proper drinking water facility. There was no water in the toilets, also those were poorly maintained.
- The fourth school visit was to GVVK School Jakirguda at Suryapet Village in Sirikonda Mandal. There were 15 children enrolled in the school. But the school had been closed from last one year. The school teacher was retired last year 2018 and till now no teachers was appointed.
- The fifth school visit was the Primary School at Suryapet Village in Sirikonda Mandal at Adilabad District. The school had no proper ration supply for mid-day meal. The appointed teacher never comes to school. The school lacks proper drainage system, functional toilets, and clean drinking water.

School Visited	Total Students	Total Classrooms	Staff Room	Toilets	Kitchen	Mid-day Meal	Drinking water facility
1	20	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	32	1	Nil	2	1	Yes	Yes
3	9	1	Nil	2	1	Yes	No
4	15	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	No	No

5	15	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	No	No
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ON THE DAY OF THE SITTING OF THE BENCH/CAMP

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Below is the information on the total number of complaint received during the sitting of the bench.

S.NO	TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLAINT	TOTAL NUMBER
1	Complaints heard by the Bench	52
2	Complaints registered but not heard	68
	TOTAL	120

DISCLAIMER: This data is the initial data as per the day of the Camp/ Bench

The Bench/camp received 120 complaints from Adilabad District. Apart from individual complainant, NGO's, CWC, schools presented the complaints of child rights violation in front of the bench. The complainants representing their institutes helped the Commission reach out to the children who could not present their complaints on the day of the sitting of the bench. The visits/observation to schools highlighted the issue of poor infrastructure facility, lack of clean drinking water, etc relating to basic needs in school.

Area Wise (Under CPR Act, 2005)

Complaints are segregated based on the 6 areas that come under section 3 of CPR Act, 2005. The highest number of Complaints is 63 which was registered under Education, 49 under health, 5 complaints were registered under juvenile and 3 were others.

S.NO.	DEPARTMENTS	TOTAL COMPLAINTS
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1	Juvenile Justice	5
2	Education	63
3	Health	49
4	Others	3
	TOTAL	120

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COMPLAINT ANALYSIS ACCORDING NITI AAYOG INDICATORS

1) Education

Education department received 63 complaints from the district. The nature of complaints related to education department is further divided into 6 sections:-

SECTION	NATURE OF COMPLAINTS	TOTAL NUMBERS
1	Complaints regarding financial assistance and scholarship	1
2	Complaints regarding school infrastructure	27
3	Complaint regarding dropout cases	1
4	Complaints regarding admission to schools	22
5	Other education related issues	12
	TOTAL	63

2) Health

49 complaints were registered under health department. Most of the complaints were issues of children with disabilities. These children with disabilities are being deprived from their rights to admission in schools to medical negligence by the government hospital and non- issuance of disability certificates. Others complaints in health includes non-available of Anganwadi Buildings and non-provisions of Mid-Day Meal.

SECTION	NATURE OF COMPLAINTS	TOTAL NUMBERS
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1	Complaints regarding Anganwadis & improper functioning	13
2	Issuance of disability certificate and Pension	14
3	Non- provisions of Mid Day Meal	02
4	Health treatment `	15
5	Financial Assistance for Treatment	01
6	Improper functioning of hospitals/ Clinics	03
7	Sanitation and Water Problems	01

3) Juvenile Justice

3 complaints were received under Juvenile Justice Division. First case was related with the request for availing government schemes; second case was for financial assistance; third case was request for providing property ownership (land)/ bank loans.

PERFORMANCE BY THE DISTRICT OFFICIALS AND NGOS

NCPCR received full support from the District Officials during the national bench/camp conducted at Adilabad District. The District officials from District Welfare office, Adilabad, Mrs. K. Milkah and her team helped the NCPCR team starting from day one till the end of the bench. The programme started with welcoming music and dance for our Hon'ble Members of NCPCR performed by the tribal community and Anganwadi children. The event included educational stalls from Childline and some schools from Utnoor town of Adilabad district. The NCPCR team not only got support from District Officials but also from the NGOs. Few NGOs namely Child Rights Protection Forum (CRPF) provided 9 volunteers for the bench programme, one Adivasi NGO from Utnoor (Adilabad) Turun Dabba also participated in volunteering where they provided 15 volunteers, 5 participants from Human Rights also volunteered in the programme and 10-15 members from the SMCs participated in helping the Commission team. The District Officials organized lunch for all the people participated in the bench including complainants.

CONCLUSION

The National Bench was conducted successfully in Adilabad district of Telangana. NCPCR registered and passed orders on all the 52 complaints received during the sitting of the bench/camp. The Commission received overwhelming support and participation from the NGOs from Adilabad district and from the District Officials. Around 15 NGOs brought complaints regarding child rights violation before the bench. And the remaining complaint will be processed from the Head Office in New Delhi.

ANNEXURE-1

S.No.	Name of NGO	Contact details
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