



# CAMP/BENCH REPORT

RAMANATHAPURAM

Tamil Nadu

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS  
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## I. INTRODUCTION



The Commission conducted its first Bench/Camp in Ramanathapuram District which is situated in Tamil Nadu. The programme was organised on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019. The Bench/Camp consisted of the Shri Priyank Kanoongo, honorable Chairperson and Shri R.G. Anand, honorable Member of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) along with Smt. N.P. Nirmala, Chairperson and four Members from Tamil Nadu Commission for Protection of Child Rights (TNCPCR); Shri V. Veera Ragavarao, District Collector of Ramanathapuram; Shri Thiru.J. Jayakanthan, District Collector of Sivagangai and Shri. Om Prakash Meena, Superintendent of Police. The Bench/Camp at Ramanathapuram District received an overwhelming response from various stakeholders involved in making this programme a success. The key highlights of the Bench/Camp were:-

- The Bench/Camp received 312 complaints from various districts and passed orders on 81 complaints on the same day.
- The Bench/Camp received complaints from 4 new districts apart from the 10 districts that were present during the bench/Camp- Chennai, Villupuram, Perambalur, Tiruchirappalli.
- The Nodal Officers from all the districts were participated and provided their valuable support to the Bench/Camp.
- The Tamil Nadu 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.
- Only few NGO's volunteered in this endeavor and brought the complaints and the complainants before the bench/Camp.
- District Collector of Ramanathapuram sponsored orphan children with Rs-984,000 and Rs-26,000 living in foster homes in its home district.
- Ramanathapuram district put up stalls on programmes related to children- ICDS, ICPS, DCPU
- District Collectorate helped the Commission in conducting the bench//camp smoothly and efficiently and generated more than 300 complaints of child rights violation.
- Childline was proactive and played an important role in conducting the bench at Ramanathapuram. They helped in registering the names and writing complaints on behalf of the complainants. The childline was active during the bench/camp and provided all the necessary assistance required for the bench/ camp.

## **II. BEFORE THE SITTING OF THE BENCH/CAMP**

### **NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION (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 20<sup>th</sup> June. Shri R.G. Anand, Member, NCPCR, Shri V. Veera Ragavarao, District Collector, Ramanathapuram and Smt. Meera Shankar, Member, TNCPCR chaired the consultation meeting.



In the Meeting, Honorable member Dr. R.G. Anand informed the respected NGO's about the roles and responsibilities of NCPCR and the objective of conducting the Bench/Camp. He also informed the NGO's 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 20 NGO's who participated in this meeting. NGO's praised the initiative taken by the commission.

**The key highlights from the Consultation Meeting were:-**

- From the list of 450 NGO's from all the districts registered in NITI Aayog Darpan, only few NGOs attended the consultation meeting at District Collectorate's office.
- NGO's from Ramanathapuram showed a great response and attended the consultation meeting before the sitting of the bench/camp.
- Only few NGO's participated on the day of the sitting of the bench/camp and mostly were from Ramanathapuram District. Only 2 NGO's brought the complaint grid before the bench/camp. List of the NGO's is attached in annexure-1

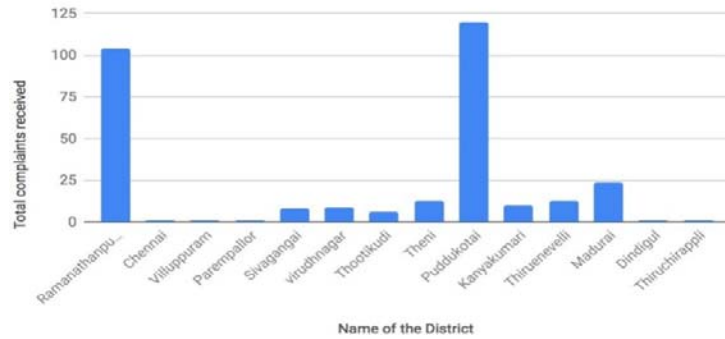
### III. ON THE DAY OF THE SITTING OF THE BENCH/CAMP

The Commission conducted its Bench/camp in Ramanathapuram District in Tamil Nadu on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019. Shri Priyank

Kanoongo, Chairperson and Shri R.G. Anand, Member of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) along with Smt.

N.P. Nirmala, Chairperson and four Members from Tamil Nadu Commission

Total complaints received (District wise)



for Protection of Child Rights (TNCPCR); Shri V. Veera Ragavarao, District Collector of Ramanathapuram; Shri Thiru.J. Jayakanthan, District Collector of Sivagangai and Shri. Om Prakash Meena, Superintendent of Police constituted the bench/camp. The Commission received 312 complaints, out of which 81 cases were heard by the bench/camp. The details of the complaints received by the bench//camp district wise are given below:-

Name of the District	Education	Juvenile justice	Child Health	POCSO	Child Labour	Other	Total
Ramanathapuram	60	13	18	12	1	0	104
Chennai	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Villuppuram	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Parempallor	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sivagangai	1	4	0	3	0	0	8
virudhnagar	5	1	3	0	0	0	9
Thootkudi	1	4	0	1	0	0	6
Theni	3	4	1	4	1	0	13

Pudukotai	106	2	12	0	0	0	120
Kanyakumari	4	1	1	4	0	0	10
Thiruevellu	7	2	1	3	0	0	13
Madurai	4	8	1	11	0	0	24
Dindigul	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Thiruchirappali	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	<b>194</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>312</b>
<b>Total</b>							<b>312</b>

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

The same complaints were segregated based on the 6 areas that come under section 3 of CPC Act, 2005. The highest number of cases, that is, 194 were registered under Education, 37 cases were registered under Child Health, 39 under POCSO, 40 under Juvenile Justice, and two cases under Child Labour.

## **COMPLAINT ANALYSIS**

### **Juvenile Justice**

The bench/camp received 40 complaints on the day of the sitting of the bench/camp. The complaints are further divided into 8 sections:-

<b>SECTION</b>	<b>NATURE OF COMPLAINTS</b>	<b>TOTAL COMPLAINTS</b>
1	Cases related to Infrastructural & reconstruction of homes	3
2	Cases related to Custody & rescue of children	6
3	Cases related to compensation & sponsorship for children	6
4	Cases related to physical & verbal abuse by a family member	3
5	Cases related to issuance of Caste and birth certificate	6
6	Cases related to adoption of children	2

7	Cases related to missing children	3
8	Others	11
	<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>

## **LAWS RELATING TO CHILDREN (POCSCO)**

The bench/camp received 39 complaints on the day of the sitting of the bench/camp. The complaints are further divided into 3 sections:-

<b>SECTION</b>	<b>NATURE OF COMPLAINTS</b>	<b>TOTAL COMPLAINTS</b>
1	Victim Compensation fund	25
2	Cases related to sexual abuse & harassments	13
3	other	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>

## **CHILD LABOUR**

The bench/camp received two complaints regarding child labour on the day of the sitting of the bench/camp. One complaint raised the issue of more than 40 children involved in labour in Meenpidi para. Another complaint pertains to victim fund and education facilities to children rescued from bonded labour.

## **CHILD HEALTH**

The Commission received 37 complaints on the day of the sitting of the bench/Camp. The complaints are further divided into 6 sections:-

<b>SECTION</b>	<b>NATURE OF COMPLAINTS</b>	<b>TOTAL COMPLAINTS</b>
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1	Cases related to renovation & construction of ICDS centre, Primary health centre, Anganwadi	12
2	Cases related to issue birth certificate to children	2
3	Financial support & Medical assistance	7
4	Complaints related to infrastructural & other facilities provided to children	4
5	Complaints related to medical treatment	7
6	Others	5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>

## EDUCATION

194 complaints were registered on the day of the bench. The complaints are further divided into 5 sections:-

SECTION	NATURE OF COMPLAINTS	TOTAL COMPLAINTS
1	Cases related to Financial, Education assistance & sponsorship	142
2	Cases related to Infrastructural issue in school	15
3	Cases related to bus & Road facility for children	10
4	Generic issues	13
5	Others	14
	<b>Total</b>	<b>194</b>



#### **IV. 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. 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.

The followings are indicated below:

<b>S.NO</b>	<b>SECTOR</b>	<b>NITI AAYOG INDICATORS</b>	<b>COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BASED ON THE INDICATORS</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
1	<b>E D U C A T I O N</b>	Transition rate from primary to upper primary school & Upper primary to secondary	Children dropping out from schools  Cases regarding denial of admission to schools	Tirunelveli  Kanyakumari & Tirunelveli
2		Toilet access: percentage schools with functional girls’ toilets	Lack of Toilet facility & other infrastructural issues  Non-separation of	Ramanathanpura m  Tirunelveli
			toilets for boys & girls in schools  No toilet facility	  Theni

3		Female literacy rate (15+ age group)	-	-
4		Percentage of schools with functional drinking water facility	Damaged water tanks No Water facility	Ramanathanpura m Theni
5		Percentage of schools with functional electricity facility at secondary level	-	-
6		Percentage of elementary schools complying with RTE specified Pupil Teacher Ratio	Complaint regarding shortage of school teachers	Pudukottai
7		Percentage of schools providing textbooks to children within 1 month of the start of academic session	Request to provide books to children belonging to EWS section in Chinmaya Vidyalaya	Virudhnagar

In health sector there are 13 indicators and the Commission received complaints on one indicator which is related to Health Infrastructure- which is described above under Child Health, under section 1 & section 4. Out of 37 complaints 16 complaints were related to Infrastructural issues in Primary Health Centres, Anganwadi Centres & ICDS Centres in various districts. Other complaints were related to financial and medical assistance to children, complaint related to victim compensation and others.

## **V. OUTCOMES**

It was observed that major reasons for children dropping out from school are the distance between their home and the school, factors like- non-availability of roads and transportation facility also leads to children drop out. 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 312 complaints on the day of the bench/camp. 81 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 Bench/Camp received the representation of the cases related to child rights violation from 4 new districts apart from the 10 districts that were present during the bench/camp- Chennai, Vellupuram, Perampallor, and Tiruchirappalli. The Commission received an overwhelming support not just from the administration but from the people who came up with complaints, as well. The people from all the 10 districts came to Ramanathapuram and registered their cases. The district administration and especially District Collectorate 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 Ramanathapuram.

**ANNEXURE-1 List of NGO's**

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