



CAMP/BENCH REPORT
BHUPALPALLY, TELANGANA

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS
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Working Report

INTRODUCTION



The Commission conducted its 28th Bench/Camp in Bhupalpally District which is situated in Telangana. The programme was organized on 13th September 2019. The Bench/Camp consisted of Smt. Pragna Parande, Honorable Member of National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), Sh. Vasam Venkateswarlu, DM, Jayashankar Bhupalpally.

The key highlights of the Bench/Camp are as follow:-

- The Bench/Camp received 542 complaints from various districts.
- The Nodal Officers from all the districts participated and provided their valuable support to the Bench/Camp.
- The Commission received complaints from NGO's, Schools and Child line. The representation of the NGO's during the proceeding was good. The NGO's brought the complaints before the bench and certain NGO's submitted their complaints to their district officials.
- The Commission received complaints regarding School infrastructure, roads and drinking water facilities in school.
- The Commission also received complaints regarding eve-teasing and hygiene School toilets.

BEFORE THE SITTING OF THE BENCH/CAMP

NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION (NGO) CONSULTATION MEET

The National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights conducted an NGO Consultation meet on 11th September 2019. The meeting was organised at District Collectorate Office in Bhupalpally. The NCPCR team along with the Programme Officer of Bhupalpally 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 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 30 NGO's registered under NGO's Darpan portal around 16 NGO's have participated in the meeting. The Commission informed the NGO's about the objective of National bench and asked them to attend the meeting before the sitting of the bench and asked them to bring complaint grid or complainants highlighting the child right violation from there district on the day of the sitting of National Bench.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NGO-MEETING

- Around 16 NGO's participated in the meeting.
- Representations received from the NGO's were found to be adequate.
- NGO's highlighted the issue of school dropout in tribal areas and non-implementation of RTE Act, 2009 in specific areas.

S.NO.	NAME OF THE DISTRICT	NGO ATTENDED CONSULTATION MEET
1	Bhupalpally	3
2	Peddapalli	0
3	Mulugu	0
4	Warangal Urban	12
5	Warangal Rural	1
	TOTAL	16

INSPECTION OF INSTITUTIONS RELATED TO CHILD WELFARE

NCPCR officials conducted inspections in two Anganwadi centers and one home for children with disabilities Helene Maier Rural Development Society, Bhupalpally. NCPCR team was accompanied by Protection officers from ICPS. 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.

- **Anganwadi & Primary School (1to5)**

Officials from NCPCR covered two anganwadi Centres in Bhupalpally, name Golapally Anganwadi Centre which comes under Gram Panchayat Shankarampally, Mahadevpur and Mehboobpally Anganwadi Centre in Bhupalpally district.

Golapally Anganwadi Centre

A proper activity room was designated for children to organize non-formal preschool activities. The room had various items for children like- props, learning cards, wooden blocks, story flash cards and pre- reading material. The Anganwadi had separate kitchen and store room. The Aanganwadi also had veranda and a well



whose water was being used for drinking and other purposes

Issues in Anganwadi

S.NO.	INDICATORS	RESPONSE	REMARKS
1	Food Register	Maintained	Registers were maintained till August 2019
2	Mother Register	Maintained	
3	Mid Day Meal	Not Maintained	Good quality of Grains, pulses and rice not available
4	Water Facilities	Not Maintained	Drinking water facility is not available

- Drinking water facility was one of the major issues in Golapally Anganwadi Centre. No proper storage for drinking water facility was present.
- As per the guidelines mentioned by the Ministry of Women and Child development, the anganwadis had to maintain 11 registers in their respective centres. Commission found that in golapally anganwadi centre food register and mother register were maintained.
- Road facility was in very bad condition anganwadi children faces a lot of problem during raining season.



Mehboobpally Aganwadi

NCPCR conducted an inspection in Mehboobpally Anganwadi Centre in Jayashankar Bhupalpally District. The centre had less staff and student teacher ratio was also very less. The children from tribal areas are enrolled in the

Anganwadi Centre. Anganwadi had no proper boundary wall.

Issues in Anganwadi

- The Anganwadi had lack of teachers during observation.
- Inadequate space in Anganwadi centre was there.
- The Anganwadi Centre did not provide books for children.
- Storage area in the Anganwadi needs further improvement.



Therefore, NCPCR took suo motu cognizance of the matter relating to child rights violation and asked the authority to make sure that well was properly covered and provide an alternative source of clean drinking water to AWC's like- provide water dispensers or treated tap water. Also, recommended the authorities to help the AW's maintain and upgrade the facilities in the kitchen and storage area.

• Visit to Specially Abled Children Home

NCPCR team visited one especially abled children home, named Helene Maier Rural Development Society in Jayashankar Bhupalpally District. During observation registers and files was not maintained. Individual files for children were not made. During observation, it was also noticed that CWC was not present Under in Jayashankar Bhupalpally District. Medical counseling facility was not being provided in especially abled children home. No medical history for children was available in the home.



School Visit

The Commission visited Mehboobpally Primary School in Bhupalpally district to examine the facilities provided to the children in school. As per the data provided by the school authority there were 20 students enrolled in the primary school. The school had single room with two ladies teacher in which, Separate toilet facilities were available for boys and girls. Mid day meal was served every day. The quality and quantity of the meal was good. The drinking water facility was found to be adequate.



Issues in School

- Commission found one area of the school which did not have a proper boundary wall and that area connects the school to jungle which poses a serious threat to students' safety.
- Kitchen in the school require more space and require further improvement.
- The school did not provide entitlements like school dress and books etc.
- During observation, it was also observed that the school has less student teachers ratio.

ON THE DAY OF THE SITTING OF THE BENCH/CAMP

The Commission conducted its National bench/camp at Bhupalpally District in Telangana. The Bench/Camp was organized on 13th September 2019. The bench/camp consisted of Smt. Pragna Parande, Honorable Member of National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), Sh. Vasam Venkateswarlu, DM, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Joint Commissioner, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, SP, Jayashankar Bhupalpally. During the bench/camp total 542 complaints were received. 04 cases were addressed from Karimnagar District and 02 from Bhadradri Kothagudem District.



Details of the total number of cases received during the sitting of the bench/camp are as follows:-

S.NO.	COMPLAINTS FROM OFFICIALS	DIST.	NO. OF COMPLAINTS
1	Bhupalpally		299
2	Mulugu		142
3	Peddapally		41
4	Warangal Urban		43
5	Warangal Rural		9
6	Karimnagar		4
7	Bhadradi Kothagudem		2
8	Suo-Moto (Bhupalpally)		2
9	TOTAL		542

Area Wise Segregation of the complaints

Complaints are segregated on the basis of 6 areas/departments under section 3 of CPC Act, 2005. The majority of cases received are pertains to Education related issues. Substantial number of cases pertaining to Juvenile Justice has also been received during bench. Remaining cases can be

accounted to problems related to Health, POCSO, Child Labor and Psychology.

S.NO.	DEPARTMENTS	TOTAL COMPLAINTS
1	Juvenile Justice	96
2	Education	339
3	Laws relating to Children (POCSO)	13
4	Health	75
5	Child Psychology or Sociology	4
6	Child Labour	13
7	Other/ Miscellaneous	2
	TOTAL	542

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

COMPLAINT ANALYSIS

- **Juvenile Justice**

The bench/camp received 96 complaints from the involved districts. The complaints are further categorized as: -

S.NO.	DEPARTMENTS	TOTAL COMPLAINTS
1	Absence of basic facilities in town/village	25
2	Financial Support Related	39
3	Related to opening/ closing of child care institutions	4
4	Related to requirement of Certificates	18
5	Begging related issues with children	2
6	Complaints regarding inaction by the departments	01
7	Issues related to inappropriate infrastructure in child related institutions	07
	TOTAL	96

- **Education**

Among the cases received under the head of education on the day of bench, majority of cases pertains to lack of infrastructure in schools. Lack of boundary wall has been observed as a serious problem in the schools of concerned districts. Shortage of teachers among lack of toilets and drinking water facility in schools have also been found abundant in the district. Cases like non availability of roads and conductor not accepting bus pass from children have also been registered with the Commission on the day of bench.

- **Laws relating to Children (POCSO)**

Total 13 cases related to POCSO were received on the day of bench in Bhupalpally.

S. No	Nature of Complaints	Number
1	Harassment	2
2	Eve Teasing	3
3	Sexual Assault	2
4	Kidnapping/Missing	1
5	Counseling/Awareness regarding Child Marriages	4
6	Compensation	1
	Total	13

Problem of Child Marriages in the district is quite rampant but number of cases registered is not adequate. According to the petitioners, proper counseling and awareness of local population on the subject is direly required for any probable future change in the tradition of Child Marriages.

- **Health**

Total 75 cases related to child health have been received on the day of Bhupalpally Bench.

S. No	Nature of Complaints	Number
1	Anganwadi infrastructure and requirements.	32
2	Treatment related.	16
3	Health Facility requests from ASHA workers.	18
4	Nutrition related	1
5	Issue of Birth Certificate	4
6	Disability Related	2
7.	Others	2

	Total	75
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Majority of cases registered in relation to child health pertains to lack of appropriate infrastructure in Anganwadis of the concerned districts. Cases related to treatment and nutrition have also been registered.

- **Child Psychology**

Total 04 complaints have been received on the day of bench where children require counseling due to either media influence or personal issues. Personal issues vary from the pressure of studies to turbulent romantic relationship.

- **Child Labor**

Total 13 cases have been received where complaint pertains to Child labor in the District. Among the cases registered, 02 have been received from Bhupalpally District, 08 from Mulugu District and 03 from Peddapally District.

- **Others/ Miscellaneous**

Total 2 complaints also registered under others.

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 analyzed 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.

S.NO	SECTOR	NITI AAYOG INDICATORS	COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BASED ON THE INDICATORS
1	E D U C A T I O N	Transition rate from primary to upper primary school & Upper primary to secondary	Children from Tribal areas Dropping out from school & lack of infrastructure in schools.
2		Percentage of schools with functional drinking water facility	
3.		Toilet access: percentage schools with functional girls' toilets	
	H E A L T H	Proportion of Anganwadis with own buildings	Inadequate facilities in Anganwadi situated in tribal area along with major infrastructural issues in the existing Anganwadi Centers.

In child health sector, the Commission received complaints related to construction or infrastructural issues of Anganwadi Centers (AWCs) across several districts. Severe evident lapses were observed in terms of construction of toilets in the AWCs, provision of kitchen, facility of drinking water and standard of hygiene and sanitation in toilets. Other complaints were related to treatment of diseases rampant in the area.

In the education sector, the Commission received complaints related to accessibility of toilets in schools since there was still a prevalence of open toilets and open defecation. There was a lack of sustainable school infrastructure for disabled children raising requirement for establishment of disable friendly schools. The bench/camp also received complaints where complainants were demanding the transport

facility and construction of roads near their village so that children can continue going to school. Furthermore, complaints of infrastructural deficits across primary Z P schools were also reported across the several districts.

OUTCOMES

Major issues that were identified by the Commission while conducting bench/camp in Bhupalpally were related to the lack of basic amenities like education, health and nutrition in tribal areas. Basic survival facilities have seemingly always been out of reach for people living in tribal areas leading to a substantial increase in absenteeism from school, malnutrition and fundamental health problems. Connectivity to other areas has also proven to be a major hindrance in the community leading the tribal people to live in isolation. Inadequate condition of Anganwadi's, absence of referral centers and lack of health clinics in the tribal areas have also added to the undermining condition of the people in the District. Consequently, major steps are required to be taken to get the concerned people a chance at Right to subsistence.

CONCLUSION

The National Bench/camp was conducted successfully in Bhupalpally. NCPCR registered and passed ordered on all the 554 complaints received during the sitting of the bench/camp. The commission received overwhelming support and participation from the NGO's from different districts. Most of the complaints were related to infrastructure of schools. Around 20 NGO's brought complaints regarding child right violation before the bench/camp and some have submitted complaints to their district administration which was received by NCPCR through DCPU of four districts. Thus, NCPCR would monitor the progress of the cases submitted by the NGO's from the head office. In the end the press briefing was organised by the district administration and the commission informed the reporters about the number of cases registered by the bench/camp. The volunteers apart from the district administration helped in running the proceedings of the bench/camp smoothly. Childline from all the districts and teachers, students from schools and NGOs were there to help the complainant from registering the complaint to helping them write the complaint and translating the language from Telugu to English for the bench/camp.

ANNEXURE

S.No.	Name of NGO	Contact details
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