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# **BENCH REPORT**

**Gadchiroli, Maharashtra**

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS  
NEW DELHI

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## INTRODUCTION

The tenth camp of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights was held at Niti Aayog identified Aspirational district of Gadchiroli, Maharashtra covering districts of Nagpur, Chandrapur, Gondia, Bhandara and Gadchiroli on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 201. The bench was chaired by Honorable Member of NCPCR Dr. R.G Anand and Honorable chairperson Maharashtra State Commission for protection of Child Rights Shri. Pravin Ghuge and Honorable Collector of Gadchiroli, Sh. Shekhar Singh were present for the



convening of the bench.

## BEFORE THE SITTING OF BENCH

### Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) MEETING

The National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights conducted an NGO Consultation meet on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The meeting was organised in an auditorium at District Collectorate Office at Gadchiroli. The NCPCR team along with the Child Development Project Officer of Gadchiroli District chaired the consultation meet. During the meeting, the NCPCR team informed the NGO's about the objective and purpose of conducting a National Bench for addressing issues 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. Further NGO's were also apprised of nature of complaints that fell within the purview of the power of the

commission to enable them to identify and bring complaints before the bench to maximize its reach. Out of 283 NGO's registered under NITI Darpan portal around 33 NGO's have participated in this meeting. The Commission informed the NGO's about the objective of National bench and asked them to mobilise their resources in order to generate complaints and to bring those complaints in grid or try getting complainants in order to highlight the prevalent child rights violation from their district on the day of the sitting of National Bench.

The objective of conducting a meeting with the NGO's was as follow:

- To apprise NGO's of their roles and responsibilities towards the children, since NGOs' are identified as one such organisation that are working relentlessly at the grass root level and are expected to be very well aware of the problems in their district.
- Further to bring complaints in grid or complainants or represent cases on behalf of the children pertaining to child rights violation from their district on the day of the sitting of bench/camp.
- To disseminate information to the local people not just about the bench/camp being conducted in their districts but also sensitize them about the National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) and its mandate to take cognizance on matters relating to child rights violations.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NGO MEETING**

- Total number of NGO's have participated in the meeting was around 33. Representations of the NGO's were adequate.
- Sparsh foundation (Society for people action in rural service &Health) in Gadchiroli worked actively with the Commission. They represented children issues in seven complaints which pertained to various categories such as infrastructure gaps in institution related to children, complaints related to schools, regarding Anganwadis etc.
- Further, the foundation complained about presence of large number of orphans in Gadchiroli district for whom they suggested that welfare schemes already in place are inadequate and they should get monitory benefit of Rs. 500/- per month.
- In another complaint, the same foundation represented by Mr. Dilip Bansagade complained about migration of children from Gadchiroli to other districts due to Child trafficking. They also complaint about non- existence of District Child Protection cells in Gadchiroli district and most of the posts were empty.

- Mr. Mohd. Shahid Shariff represented Green Heritage NGO from Bhandara and RTE Action Committee which is a division of EDUFIRST CHILD & WOMEN FOUNDATION. These NGO's registered eleven complaints on behalf of the children where they highlighted issues such as, problem related to presence of child beggars in Bhandara where Child District Protection Officer has taken no cognizance even after receiving registered a complaint,. Further, they also complained about the absence of District Child Welfare Officers at local police stations.

**Table for NGOs attended the meeting**

S.NO.	NAME OF THE DISTRICT	TOTAL NO. OF NGO'S	NGO ATTENDED CONSULTATI ON MEET
1	Gadchiroli	40	10
2	Nagpur	50	3
3	Chandrapur	73	7
4	Gondia	41	7
5	Bhandara	44	1
6	Wardha	35	5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>33</b>

## INSPECTION OF TNSTITUTIONS RELATED TO CHILD WELFARE

### **VISIT TO ANGANWADI'S**

NCPCR officials Mr. Sudeep Chakraborty and Mr. Nikhil conducted inspections in two Anganwadi centres, one Primary school in Gadchiroli district. NCPCR team was accompanied by one officer from District Administration. The objective of conducting the inspection was to review the performance and standards of the facilities provided to the children in Anganwadis, School and simultaneously take suo-moto cognizance on them pertaining to child rights violations in these institutes. Officials from NCPCR visited two Anganwadi centres in Gadchiroli, serial no. 213 & 214 which come under Muikhla block in Gadchiroli district. Anganwadi had appropriate space for children where children are currently enrolled but had no separate kitchen and store room. The Anganwadi also include veranda and a well used for drinking purpose and other activities.

## **VISIT TO SCHOOLS**

The Commission visited Zila Parishad Primary School in Navegaon, Gadchiroli district to examine the facilities provided to the children in school. As per the data provided by the school

Authority, there were 120 students enrolled in the



primary school, out of which 89 were present. School had no separate toilets for boys and girls. Although, mid day meal was served every day but Quality and quantity of the meal was not up to the mark. The drinking water facility was not adequate in school. Furniture and other related equipments were not provided in



## **Shivaji High School**

Team two consisting of Mr. Abhikarsh Tyagi and Mr. Shakti visited Shivaji High School Gadchiroli. During their visit the following lapses were observed within the school:-

- Lack of infrastructure facilities was observed, the electrical fittings were in pathetic shapes posing threat to life.
- Toilets were in very bad shape and were not cleaned regularly. There was no proper running water facility in the school and tube well water was fetched and used where ever required. Toilets had no proper doors to ensure safety of children. There was lack of sweeping staff in School.

## **Z.P High School**

The team from NCPCR visited the said school for inspection.

- Number of toilets was adequate but none of them were cleaned properly on daily basis. The electrical infrastructure of the school was in very bad shape and posed threat to lives of children as it comprised of open switches and wires. There was no running water in toilets; instead water tanks were place in which

could have health hazards. The enrollment in the school was 227 including both boys and girls.

- Major issue identified in the school was non-availability of drinking water for students.
- There was also no computer room available for students.
- No library was available in the school.

### **ON THE DAY OF THE SITTING OF BENCH**

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The Commission received 143 complaints on the bench/camp. The details of the complaints received by the bench/camp are given below. The said complaints were segregated based on the 5 areas that come under CPC Act, 2005. The numbers of cases, that is, 17 were registered under Juvenile Justice, 04 cases were registered under Child Health, and 112 cases under Education, 03 cases were registered under POCSO, 04 cases were registered under Child Labour and 03 cases were miscellaneous.

<b>Total No. of Complaints Received</b>		
<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>No. of Complaint</b>
1	Education	112
2	Juvenile Justice	17
3	Health	04
4	POCSO	03

5	Child Labour	04
6	Others	03

Note: The data presented in the report is the initial data as on the day of the Camp/ Bench.

## EDUCATION

112 complaints were registered on the day of the sitting of the bench. The complaints were pertaining to the following sections:

SECTION	NATURE OF COMPLAINTS	TOTAL COMPLAINTS
1	Cases related to Physical/Mental harassment in the school	03
2	Cases related to admission of children or children with special needs	02
3	Cases related to mid day meals	01
4	Cases related to fee hike/fee relaxation	01
5	Cases related to unavailability of books, uniforms, etc	95
6	Miscellaneous	10

## JUVENILE JUSTICE

The bench/camp received 17 complaints on the day of the sitting of the bench/camp. The complaints were pertaining to the following section:

SECTION	NATURE OF COMPLAINTS	TOTAL COMPLAINTS
1	Cases related to Aadhar card/Caste certificate/Income certificate, Cases related to Missing/Trafficking/Death child, Cases related to Rehabilitation/Protection of children/Sponsorship	17

## CHILD HEALTH

The Commission received 04 complaints on the day of the sitting of the bench/Camp. The complaints were pertaining to the following sections:-

SECTION	NATURE OF COMPLAINTS	TOTAL COMPLAINTS
1	Anganwadi	1
	Cases related to Disabilities survey	1
3	Cases related to Menstruation related	1
4	Other	1

## CHILD LABOUR

The bench/camp received 04 complaints on the day of the sitting of the bench/camp. The complaints were pertaining to the following section:

SECTION	NATURE OF COMPLAINTS	TOTAL COMPLAINTS
1	Child Labour	4

## POCSO

The bench/camp received 03 complaints on the day of the sitting of the bench/camp. The complaints were pertaining to the following sections

SECTION	NATURE OF COMPLAINTS	TOTAL COMPLAINTS
1	Compensation	2
2	Sexual Abuse	1

## Observations

NCPCR conducted a National camp at Gadchiroli successfully with the support of district authorities. As per the guidelines of the commission district authorities conducted various exercises to spread awareness about the camp. Officers of Gadchiroli worked very hard in making arrangements for the NCPCR official's regarding



their visits in the districts alongside making arrangements for seamless convening of the Commissions bench. Volunteers identified by the district officials worked relentlessly on the day of the bench to ensure continuous flow of complaints to the bench, ensuring max redressal. Accessing the ground situation in these districts, a lot more complaints could have been generated if proper awareness was spread specially in the village areas through Gram Panchayats and BDO's. Further major indicators to be worked upon to ensure development of the present districts and especially Aspirational district, while ensuring safeguarding the rights of children are the following:-

- Infrastructural gaps in schools and Anganwadi's specially related to toilet facilities, drinking water, electricity and a safe housing building are required to be worked upon.
- Seamless transition of children from zilla parishad schools from primary to secondary schools in Urban areas needs to be ensured through providing U-DISE number to all the students and also ensuring proper transportation facilities to facilitate commute of children to secondary schools situated a distant location from their place of residence.
- Proper communication channels and road infrastructure needs to be developed in the district to ensure accessibility to governmental establishments by the people living interior regions and vice versa.
- Proper functioning of PHC and CHCs in district needs to be ensured through availability of requisite staff in these centres and also by providing proper building and equipments.

## Conclusion

The tenth camp of NCPCR held at aspirational district of Gadchiroli covering five districts in total, those are Gadchiroli, Nagpur, Chandrapur, Gondia and Bhandara convened successfully achieving its aim of spreading awareness about the role and responsibilities of the Commissions and giving on the spot redressal to maximum number of complaints presented before the bench. A total of 143 complaints were received by the bench until 5.30 pm and all of them were heard by the Bench and as per the instruction of Honorable Member NCPCR, concerned department officials were asked to resolve the complaints in a time bound manner safeguarding the rights of children.

## ANNEXURE

### List of Ngos

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2.	Under privilege advancement by youth (UPAY)	9420190853 <a href="mailto:naitamol@gmail.com">naitamol@gmail.com</a>
3.	Rural and urban development youth association (RUDYA)	9422153263 <a href="mailto:rudva123@rediffmail.com">rudva123@rediffmail.com</a>
4.	SPARSH NGO	9422152617 <a href="mailto:sparshgadchiroli@gmail.com">sparshgadchiroli@gmail.com</a>
5.	Prabhuddha vinayati kalyankari sanstha	9850346233 <a href="mailto:shuddhodhansahare18@gmail.com">shuddhodhansahare18@gmail.com</a>
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ANNEXURES

PICTURES OF INSPECTION VISIT

