



CAMP/BENCH REPORT

Geyzing, West Sikkim

22nd October, 2019

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS
NEW DELHI

Working Report

INTRODUCTION

The Commission conducted its 36th Camp in Geyzing district which is situated in Sikkim. The bench/camp was organized on 22nd October 2019. It consisted of Honorable Member, Pragna Parande, National Commission for Protection for Child Rights (NCPCR), Deputy Commissioner (West), Karma R. Bonpo, Principal Magistrate (Juvenile Justice Board), Jwala Thapa, Dikila Bhutia, Chairman of State Commission for Protection of Child Rights SCPCR and Additional SP (West), PVG Satish.

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

- The Bench/Camp received 103 complaints and heard 64 complaints on the same day.
- The Bench/Camp received the majority of complaints from children of government and private schools.
- The Nodal persons and the district officials participated and provided their valuable support to the Bench/Camp.
- The representation of Child line and NGOs' during the proceeding was found adequate. A few complaints were received from NGOs regarding children with disability.
- Various stalls were organized for the dissemination of information on child rights and related schemes.
- Inauguration of Child Friendly Gram Panchayat Unit, an initiative by the DCPU (West Sikkim) was done by the Honorable Member, Pragna Parande, NCPCR; Chairperson SCPCR, Sikkim; DC, West Sikkim; Additional SP, West Sikkim and Principal Magistrate, JJB.

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 meeting on 19 October 2019. The meeting was organized at Conference Hall, Zilla Bhawan, Geyzing, and West Sikkim. The NCPCR team along with the Additional District Collector, West Sikkim 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 over the years in protecting and preserving the rights of children.

Out of 5 NGOs registered under NITI Darpan portal, not a single NGO participated in the meeting. There were 4 NGOs who were present in the meeting and were not registered under the Darpan portal. The Commission informed the NGO's about the objective of the bench and asked them to bring complainants highlighting the child rights violation from their district on the day of the sitting of Bench. A list of the variety of complaints were shared and explained to the NGO representatives.

ON THE DAY OF THE SITTING OF THE BENCH/CAMP

The Commission conducted its national bench/camp at Geyzing, West Sikkim in Gujarat. The Bench/Camp was organized on 22nd October 2019.

A summary of the complaints received on the sitting of the bench are as follows:

S.NO	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES	TOTAL NUMBER
1	Total number of cases received	103
2	Cases heard by the Bench/Camp	64
3	Cases registered but not heard	39

The bench/camp received a total of 103 complaints out of which all 64 complaints were heard. These complaints were further registered at the camp and instructions were given to DC for immediate action on the complaints within 15 days. All 103 complaints have been segregated on the basis of area as per the CPCR Act, 2005.

Area Wise (Under CPCR Act, 2005)

Complaints are segregated based on the 6 areas that are under section 3 of CPCR Act, 2005. The highest number of cases, that is, 63 was received under the Education division. Furthermore, 23 cases are registered under Juvenile Justice, 12 cases under POCSO, 3 cases under Health, 1 under Child Labour and 1 under Child Psychology

S.NO.	DEPARTMENTS	TOTAL COMPLAINTS
1	Juvenile Justice	23
2	Education	63
3	Laws relating to Children (POCSO)	12

4	Health	03
5	Child Psychology or Sociology	01
6	Child Labour	01
	TOTAL	103

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 23 complaints from the district. The complaints are further divided into 7 sections: -

SECTION	NATURE OF COMPLAINTS	TOTAL COMPLAINTS
1.	Infrastructure of CCI's	5
2.	Certificate and pension	3
3.	Sponsorship	5
4.	Training of staff	2
5.	Requirement of medical services in CCI	3
6.	Recreational facilities for children	2
7.	Related to adoption	3
	TOTAL	23

- **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	School Infrastructure	25
2	Food quality and Drinking water	10
3	Requirement of teachers	6
4	Provision of uniforms, stationary etc.	14
5	Availability of transport facilities in schools	3
6	Other education related issues	5

	TOTAL	63
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- **Laws relating to Children (POCSO)**

There were a total of 12 cases registered under Laws relating to Children (POCSO). All complaints received were of delay in the victim compensation of the children.

- **Health**

There were a total of 03 cases registered under the Division of Child Health. All complaints received were of free treatment of specific cases.

- **Child Labour**

The commission received 01 complaints related to Child Labour. The nature of the complaint is regarding the need of a labour task force in the district.

- **Child Psychology**

The commission received 01 complaints related to Child Psychology. The nature of the complaint is regarding the need for rehabilitation centres and de-addiction centres in the district.

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. Since NCPCR has a mandate to take complaints in 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 the Commission received while conducting the bench/camp in the aspirational district, not all complaints could be analyzed based on the indicators laid down by the NITI Aayog.

EDUCATION

S.NO	SECTOR	NITI AAYOG INDICATORS	COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BASED ON THE INDICATORS
1	E	Transition rate from primary to upper primary school & Upper primary to secondary	-

2	D U C A T I O N	Toilet access: percentage schools with functional girls' toilets	3 complaints were received for construction and maintenance of toilets in the school
3		Female literacy rate (15+ age group)	-
4		Percentage of schools with functional drinking water facility	10 complaints were received for inadequate drinking water facilities.
5		Percentage of schools with functional electricity facility at secondary level	-
6		Percentage of elementary schools complying with RTE specified Pupil Teacher Ratio	-
7		Percentage of schools providing textbooks to children within 1 month of the start of academic session	-

In education the Commission received complaints related to transportation facilities and reconstruction of roads so that children could safely go to schools.

OUTCOMES

Major issues that were identified by the Commission while conducting bench/camp in Geyzing, West Sikkim were lack of drinking water facilities in the schools, requirement of library and school books, desks and benches, need for construction of toilets and sanitation facilities in the schools, hostel facilities, inadequate numbers of teachers and others. It was also observed that there was incomplete fencing of schools and students reported that there is a lack of provision of electricity and water in schools. 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 Geyzing, West Sikkim. NCPCR registered and passed orders on 64 complaints received during the sitting of the bench/camp. Around 3 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 and ICPS. The volunteers apart from the district administration helped in running the proceedings of the bench/camp smoothly. Overall, the commission received tremendous support from the district officials and DCPU.

ANNEXURES

NGOS List

S.No.	Name of NGO	Contact details
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