



CAMP/BENCH 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 (NCPCR) conducted its Camp/Bench, headed by Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Honorable Chairperson NCPCR with Ms. Awan Konyak, Chairperson, SCPCR, Ms. Sarita Yadav (IAS), Deputy Commissioner Kiphire and Superintendent of Police, Kiphire District on 26th September, 2019. The Grievances related to various natures were put forth to the Bench by petitioners which included local Community Members, NGOs, Youth Groups, Individuals and Children etc. The grievances submitted were primarily issues pertaining to; lack of proper infrastructure in schools, non issuance of disability certificates, irregular mid day meals (MDMs) in schools, safety and security of children in schools, issue of proxy teachers, out of school children, lack of school uniforms, drinking water, no play grounds and play materials for children in schools, lack of training on menstrual hygiene amongst girl children and lack of awareness regarding child rights violations and lack of facilities for playing and recreational activities etc.



PREPARATORY MEETING BEFORE THE BENCH

The Commission interacted with the District administration of Kiphire, Nagaland through video conferencing in advance to explain them the concept of the Commission's Bench and seeking the required logistical and other support towards smooth coordination of the said Bench/Camp at Kiphire. Ms. Sarita Yadav, IAS, Deputy Commissioner attended the video conferencing along with her team. The District administration was informed that wide publicity is required to be given at Block levels, Villages, Panchayat, Schools, Hostels, Anganwadi centres, Public places through Local Bodies, NGOs registered in office of Deputy Commissioner, Village Heads, Student Unions, etc so that the message reaches to all the concerned stakeholders including children as well, them being the primary stakeholders. Also, the Commission emphasized that it is mandatory for nodal officers of all the line departments to be present during the Camp/Bench in order to give their submissions w.r.t to action that they would take in case of petitions

received during the Bench.

In order to ensure public participation and get requisite representations from children and Civil Society Organisations, the Commission reached out to NGOs active in Kiphire District which are registered on the Darpan Portal of Niti Aayog. The NGOs were explained the process of getting petitions in front of the Commissions' Bench related to child rights violations from the children and local community.

As per the CPCRA Act, 2005, each State/UT is supposed to have an active State Commission for Protection of Child Rights. In view of this, NCPCR called on Chairperson Nagaland SCPCR, Ms. Awan Konyak to collaborate with NCPCR during its 30th Camp/Bench at Kiphire Aspirational District in Nagaland. To achieve the best possible outcome from the Camp/Bench, the Commission wrote to Chief Secretary of Nagaland, Shri R.B. Thong, IAS intimating the details of the said Camp/Bench and requested to depute senior officials from State Departments of Nagaland viz. Education, Social Welfare, Labour and Employment, MNREGA, Rural Development and Transport, Public Health Engineering to attend the said Camp/Bench of the Commission on the 26.09.2019. This was important for expeditious redressal of grievances.

Advance Team of NCPCR in Kiphire District:

An advance team of 3 Experts/Consultants led by Sh. Paresh Shah, Senior Technical Expert (North East Cell), NCPCR, Sh. Abhikarsh Tyagi, Consultant Legal Division of NCPCR and Sh. Sandeep Chaudhary, (DEO), Laws Relating to Children Division accompanied by Ms. Awan Konyak, Chairperson Nagaland SCPCR reached Kiphire on the 24th September 2019 late evening. 3 meetings were held by the NCPCR and Nagaland SCPCR team with;

- a) *Kiphire District Administration:* Deputy Commissioner, Superintendent of Police, ADC and all the concerned officials from line departments of Kiphire were present for this meeting. The officials were explained by NCPCR team regarding end to end process of the Bench. The officers were briefed about the procedure to be followed while writing their submissions in connection with the actions they would be undertaking when a grievance is put-forth to them. Every officer was asked to mention specific timelines in their submission for redressing the grievance received by them.
- b) *NGOs/CSOs/Youth Groups:* The Commission's team had their 2nd meeting with all the NGOs, CSOs, youth groups, village and block and village level heads etc. present during the meeting. The participants were explained regarding their roles and responsibilities before, during and after the Bench/Camp. They were informed in detail by NCPCR and Nagaland SCPCR team regarding how to submit grievances to the Commission prior to the Bench, on the spot; on the day of the Bench/Camp

on 26.09.2019 and after the Bench as well if any petitions were left out.

c) *Volunteers*: The Commissions' team held their 3rd meeting with group of volunteers who were deputed by the Education Department of the Kiphire and other staff from the District administration to assist the Commissions' Bench/Camp in various areas viz;

- at NCPCCR's Help Desk for filling up petitions on behalf of walk-in petitioners and for children who required assistance to pen down their grievances.
- at the NCPCCRs Registration Counter where their petitions were assigned a token number and case sheets were filled in the Commission's prescribed format on which the submissions from the concerned Department Official were to be obtained prior to the said case matter being presented in front of the Bench/Camp.
- Inside the venue for getting the submissions filled by the concerned officials with timeline on the grievances received.

INSPECTION VISIT

Visit to School

To assess the on ground situation and understand the nuances of child rights violations, a 3 Member team of NCPCCR, along with the District Education Officer (DEO) made random surprise visits to schools in Kiphire District. During the visit the team interacted with Head of the School, Students, Teachers and other Staff Members. The team examined in detail the functioning of school. Following observations were made during the visit by the Commission to Government Primary School, Yangphi, Kiphire-798611:

- It was informed to the Commissions' team that there was no post of Head Master in the school. It was informed that the Teacher in-charge of the school had gone for some official visit to Kohima. A senior teacher from the staff attended to the Commission's team.
- The access road to the school was in a very bad condition which made it difficult for children to reach the said school. The road that crossed between the school was a functional road. Therefore such a road poses a threat to safety and security of children in school.
- There was no play ground, boundary wall, functional toilet, drinking water for children.
- There was no mid day meal (MDM) cooked or served to the children. The students mentioned that they got MDM only thrice in last academic year. Further, in this academic year, they have not received the MDM even once.
- The uniforms were distributed randomly and many children did not get the uniform in current

academic year, however the children were using uniforms provided in the academic year of 2018-19.

- Total enrolment reported by the school in-charge was 657 out of which only 421 children were found to be in attendance on the day of Commission's team visit.
- Children were not aware about their rights, neither were teachers. No child could respond to difference between "Good Touch vs Bad Touch" neither children nor teachers were aware of POCSO Act, 2012 or NCPCR's Helpline called POCSOE-Box.
- The classrooms were in deplorable condition and they were stinking of foul smell. The floors were extremely dirty and unkempt.
- There were no proper electrical fittings and fixtures inside the classroom and the children were observed to be studying in dark.
- Upon inquiry regarding the deficiencies noted by the Commissions' team in the said school, it was informed by the District Education Officer (DEO) and other teachers, that funds are not reaching the District to run the Government Schools properly. There has been no fund received from 2014 to 2017. Some grants have been received in FY'2017-18 and '18-19.

Visit to Children's Home:

The Chairperson Nagaland SCPCR visited the only Child Care Institution (CCI), Children's Home run by an NGO called. She noted that there were no children currently staying in the said CCI. The CCI though registered under the JJ Act, 2015 needed proper training on the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 to run the said Home effectively and efficiently.

ON THE DAY OF BENCH

The said Camp/Bench was headed by Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Chairperson NCPCR with Ms. Awan Konyak, Chairperson, SCPCR, Ms. Sarita Yadav (IAS), Deputy Commissioner Kiphire and Superintendent of Police, Kiphire District. The Grievances related to various natures were put forth to the Bench by petitioners which included local Community Members, NGOs, Youth Groups, Individuals and Children etc. The grievances submitted were primarily issues pertaining to; lack of proper infrastructure in schools, non issuance of disability certificates, irregular mid day meals (MDMs) in schools, safety and security of children in schools, issue of proxy teachers, out of school children, lack of school uniforms, drinking water, no play grounds and play materials for children in schools, lack of training on menstrual hygiene amongst girl children and lack of awareness regarding child rights violations and lack of facilities for playing and recreational activities etc.

There were 3 stalls put up for the participants on the day of Camp/Bench by Department of Health and Family Welfare, Nehru Yuva Kendra and “SAKHI”-One Stop Centre” for disseminating information related to available government schemes and programs for Children and Women.



The following officials/representatives of State Department of Nagaland and Line Departments were present during the day of the Bench viz;

State Departments:

- i. State Child Welfare Dept, Government of Nagaland
- ii. State Education Department, Government of Nagaland
- iii. State Labour Department, Government of Nagaland
- iv. State Department of Public Health and Engineering, Government of Nagaland
- v. State Department of NREGA
- vi. Child Welfare Department



District Administration of Kiphire/Line Departments:



1. Deputy Commissioner
2. Superintendent of Police
3. Additional District Collector
4. Chief Judicial M
5. EACs of various blocks
6. District Education Officer
7. Chief Medical Officer
8. Public Health and Engineering Department
9. Social Welfare Department/Child Welfare Dept
10. Child Welfare Committee
11. District Legal Services Authority
12. Integrated Child Protection Scheme(ICPS)
13. Integrated Child Development Services(ICDS)
14. Chairperson and Members of Child Welfare Committee(CWCs)
15. Labour Officer
16. State Bank of India

List of NGOs and Volunteers (Kiphire Bench):

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7. Tsosinhsi, General Secretary (LASU), Contact-8837376077/9862535939,Email-tsosingrudy@gmail.com
8. Shri Chumtsase (President-Amahator Range Students Union), Mobile No.7085581057

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10. Smt. Apila President, AST, Mobile-7005687971
11. Shri Phutoi, Vice President, ESH, Mobile-9366570798
12. Shri Samuel, President, USSC, Mobile-811989712,9366110768
13. Kumari Mary, Spt. Shalom Childrens' Home, Kiphrie, Mobile-9612197742
14. Shri Nishant Das, Seva Bharati Purbanchal, (Nagaland)- Mobile-9612448544

Volunteers:

30 volunteers including Teachers of Schools and Staff of District Administration Kiphire assisted the NCPCR team during the Commission's Bench.

SUMMARY OF CASES REGISTERED/ PRESENTED IN FRONT OF THE BENCH:

KIPHIRE BENCH/CAMP CASES	
DIVISION	NO. OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED
EDUCATION	192
HEALTH	52
JUVENILE JUSTICE	07
TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS	251

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

ISSUES SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION AFTER BENCH:

After completion of proceedings of the NCPCR Bench/Camp, an NGO called "United Sagtham Students 'Conference'" submitted additional **377 issues** related to school infrastructure such as Lack of Boundary Wall, Deplorable Classrooms, Dysfunctional or No Toilet facilities, No Electricity in School/Classrooms, Mid Day Meal not being served to students, No Playground in schools, No Head Master or Assistant

HIGHLIGHT POINTS OF THE KIPHIRE BENCH/CAMP

Head

Master Out of School children, Separate School for Children with Special Needs.

- 10 cases related to issuance of Disability Certificates to Children with Special Needs (CWSN) were got immediately made on the same day after due examination of the Medical Board on the directions of the Commission.
- Commission announced issuance of notice to the Director Education and Director PHED to appear in person in front of the Commission Delhi



SURPRISE VISIT TO JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA (JNV), KIPHIRE

The Honorable Chairperson NCPCR, Honorable Chairperson Nagaland SCPCR, District Education Officer and team of Experts from NCPCR made a surprise visit to the JNV to assess the condition of children:



Observations of the Commission:

- The JNV Kiphire was running in a temporary arrangement since the allotment of land and a proper building has not been constructed yet since 2006.
- There was no Superintendent/Principal/Warden in the said JNV. A senior teacher was found to be the caretaker.
- Children lived in a dark and gloomy environment inside the dormitories.
- The toilet of the Girls Dormitory was outside and the main gate of the dormitory was closed through a shutter. As reported by the girls, this creates lot of inconvenience to them if they have to go to washroom in the night. Also, going outside the dormitory in the night poses a risk for children.
- There was no proper ventilation in the dormitories and there was dampness on the walls and in beddings of the dormitories.

- Children were not provided meals according to their eating habits. For example, the Non Vegetarian food which most of the children from Nagaland are used to as their regular food habit was served only once a week.
- Children were made to clean their own toilets; there was no “safai karamchari”.
- The food was being cooked through fire woods instead of LP Gas cylinder.
- There were no filters, purifiers etc in the kitchen.
- There was no ventilation in Girls dormitories. A shutter was placed instead of a proper door at the entrance. No ventilators for sunlight to come in. Dampness was observed in both the boys and girls dormitories.
- The beds were too close for children to stay and move around freely within the dormitories.
- All the rooms including classrooms were in running in temporary bamboo shed construction.
- Time Table not in accordance to the geographical terrain of Nagaland.
- Not enough play material for children to play outdoor/indoor games.
- The said JNV was found to be running not as per the prescribed norms and standards laid down by Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti’s for a functional JNV.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION BASED ON BENCH/CAMP, SUO- MOTU VISITS AND INTERACTION WITH OFFICIALS OF KIPHIRE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

The Chairperson NCPCR took a detailed assessment of the situation related to issues pertaining to Child Rights and Child Protection. After in-depth interactions with Village Heads, Community based organisations, Children and officers of Kiphire District Administration during the Bench; the Commission recommends immediate intervention into following by the Central Government and State Government of Nagaland:

Ministry of Human Resource Development (Government of India):

- a) Sanction of 1 KGBV each in 3 Educationally Backward Blocks (EBB) of Kiphire and Seyochung.
- b) Construction of a permanent JNV at Kiphire with all requisite infrastructures as prescribed for JNVs instead of existing temporary arrangement.

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Government of India):

- a) Construction of Hostels in Educationally Backward Blocks of Kiphire.

Department of Child Welfare/Social Welfare, Government of Nagaland:

a) Sanctioning of a position of Social Welfare Officer for Kiphire District.

b) Sanctioning of Child Line for Kiphire District

Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland

a) Provide well equipped ambulances for each sub-division i.e. total 3ambulances.

b) Motor Bikes (for each circle i.e.- 8) for end to end transportations of vaccines from one health centre to another.

c) Generators for vaccines safe keep at District Hospital and CHC.

d) Posting of Pediatricians in District Hospital since (presently no pediatricians in District hospital are available) & Gynecologist (on maternity leave, no replacement done)

Department of Education, Government of Nagaland:

a) Currently, there is no Science & Commerce stream in Govt. Higher and Senior Secondary School, Kiphire District. It is recommended that Science & Commerce stream in Govt. Higher and Senior Secondary School, Kiphire District to ensure that children are able to avail such education in their Districtonly.

b) There is a need for construction of Hostel facility for the students at Kiphire headquarters, Seyochung and Pungro Sub-Divisions as there is no post-metric hostel, pre-metric hostel and/orashram-shala.

c) Currently there is a KGBV only n one Educationally Backward Block (EBB) of Kiphire, there is an urgent need for construction of 2 more Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya in remaining 2 EBB viz. Kiphire and Seyochung. Department of Education, Govt. of Nagaland is required to put up proposal for construction of the said proposal at the earliest and complete the requirement within 1year.

d) District Education Officer to shortlist 10 schools in various Blocks of Kiphire District and submit proposal to the Deputy Commissioner, Kiphire for provisioning 10 Atal Tinkering Labs through NITI Aayog, Government of India.

Department of Sports, Government of Nagaland:

a) There is a need for construction of open Gyms at Kiphire headquarters, Seyochung and Pungro Sub-Divisions maybe provisioned to constructively engage children and youth. This will help them to build on their physical and mental abilities.

b) The children of Kiphire are devoid of a well equipped multi-purpose hall/stadium at Kiphire district for engaging, learning and availing proper recreation and sports facilities. Also, the existing multi-purpose hall at Pungro Sub-Division is in a deplorable condition requiring immediate renovation. The construction of such multi-purpose hall/stadium shall enable the children to engage constructively

into recreational and play activities which are also the right.

Department of Agriculture and Allied, Government of Nagaland

- a) There is a need for provisioning of a Pig Breeding farm at Kiphire headquarters, Seyochung and Pungro Sub-Divisions.
- b) Establishing maize based feed processing unit at Kiphire headquarters, Seyochung and Pungro Sub-Divisions.
- c) Establishing of processing and packaging units for Kholar (Rajma / Kidney beans) and maize.
- d) Pick-up trucks for Kiphire headquarters, Seyochung and Pungro Sub-Divisions for transportation of agricultural produce to the markets.

Department of Municipal Affairs, Government of Nagaland

- a. Currently there is no town hall in Kiphire for organizing any events, government programs and other activities at large scale to sensitize address children and hold any child rights or related awareness activities with multiple stakeholders under one roof. In view of this, it is recommended that there is an immediate need for Construction of town hall at the Kiphrie headquarters.

1. <https://morungexpress.com/child-rights-violation-evident-kiphire>

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Officials during the hearing on cases of child rights violation held at Deputy Commissioner Office, Kiphire on September 26. (DIPR Photo)

NCPCR Kiphire Bench conduct hearing on cases of child rights violation

Kiphire, September 26 (MExN): The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) Kiphire Bench conducted hearing on cases of child rights violation at Deputy Commissioner Office, Kiphire on September 26 in collaboration with the Nagaland State Commission for protection of Child Rights (NSCPCR) and supported by District Administration, Kiphire.

In the inaugural session, a DIPR report stated that Priyank Kanoogo, Chairperson of NCPCR said, “Kiphire has many reports and the bench sitting was to reduce the problems regarding matters on Child Rights Violation in the district.” He voiced out the need to stop selling of tobacco products to the children in the district especially in school areas.

Many schools came up with their complaints that the school is running without proper road connectivity, playground, without school fencing, without proper separate toilet for the girl child. During the sitting of NCPCR Bench Camp, some differently-abled children also came to seek help.

Earlier, DC Kiphire, Sarita Yadav, IAS in her welcome address encouraged the public to avail the opportunity with their genuine complaints. Chairperson NCPCR, Awan Konyak also gave a short speech and said that the sitting of NCPCR is to clear the doubt of the people for their benefits.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/from-conversion-of-children-to-missing-school-buildings-ncpcr-s-tour-reveals-harsh-truths/story-RD1HkAsPqFDiFVuFcj9YML.html>

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From conversion of children to missing school buildings, NCPCR's tour reveals harsh truths

People in Nagaland's Kiphire district complained about a Navodaya school building that has existed only on paper for the last 13 years

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Hindustan Times, New Delhi

The NCPCR has so far held grievance meetings at 35 of the 115 'aspirational districts' identified by the Central think-tank, Niti Aayog. (HT Photo)

Religious conversions in Kerala, non-existent school building in Nagaland and Tripura tribal students missing out on schooling were some of the 12,000 complaints received by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) during its ongoing tour of 'aspirational districts' in the country.

The child rights body has so far held grievance meetings at 35 of the 115 'aspirational districts' identified by the Central think-tank, Niti Aayog.

In Kerala's Wayanad, a local NGO claimed that missionaries were converting children and in a separate complaint, it was alleged that tribal children in the district were missing out on schooling. The NCPCR has asked the state administration to look into the matter.

People in Nagaland's Kiphire district complained about a Navodaya school building that has existed only on

paper for the last 13 years.

“The Jawahar Navodaya School, established in 2006, has been operating from a temporary shed. The girls’ dormitory doesn’t have a toilet inside,” said Priyank Kanungo, chairperson of the NCPCR. None of the schools in Kiphire district have even one science teacher, he added.

In Mamit district of Mizoram, the Reang community-- that had come all the way from Tripura to meet the commission-- said the tribal children in Tripura were attending special training institutes instead of regular schools.

“A local youth club had even done a survey on tribal children missing out on schooling,” said Kanungo.

Kanungo said the exercise was meant to help districts improve on the parameters identified by Niti Aayog and assess the status of NGOs registered with the Aayog.

“Some NGOs do not exist and some are not functioning,” he said.

In Jharkhand’s Dumka, the team was told about inaction by the child welfare committee in a case of rape of two minors, who delivered babies at a religious charity organization. The local SSP and the DGP have now been summoned by NCPCR.

NCPCR also ordered construction of an underpass in Aurangabad so that children in a village could safely cross a four-lane highway to reach school.

NCPCR team has already visited districts in northeast, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Maharashtra, Bihar, Gujarat, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, and Haryana. Visits to aspirational districts in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Assam are next.

ANNEXURE

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9.	Seopi, President, USLP	7085190750 (no response)
10.	Ms. Apila, President, AST	7005687971/9612203299 (not using mail)
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