



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 bench in the Moga District which is situated in the state of Punjab, on 26th November, 2019. It was held at the District Administration Complex (DAC). Honorable Members of NCPCR, Dr RG Anand and Ms. Rosy Taba, Deputy Commissioner of Moga Mr. Sandeep Hans, Superintendent of Police (SSP) Moga Mr. Amarjit Singh Bajwa, Chairman Punjab State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (PSCPCR) Mr. Rajinder Singh and Secretary PSCPCR Mr. Amandeep Kaur headed the camp. Meanwhile, the team from NCPCR comprising Mr. Sundeep Rathee, Ms. Zohra Zaman, Ms. Payal Sharma and Ms. Anshu Kumari were here in Moga from last three days and during their stay they visited various schools in district, Government Hospital, Anganwadis etc.



On the occasion, Deputy Director PSCPCR Rajwinder Singh Gill, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC General) Anita Darshi, ADC-D Subash Chander, Superintendent of Police (SP Headquarter) Rattan Singh Brar, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Moga Narinder Singh Dhaliwal, District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) Paramjit Kaur, District Programme Officer (DPO) Gurcharan Singh, District Social Security Officer Rajkiran Kaur, District Child Protection Officer Paramjit Kaur, District Education Officer (DEO Secondary) Jaspal Singh Aulakh and DEO Primary Nek Singh among other officials were present.

Key highlights of the bench held at MOGA were: -

- The Bench received 239 complaints and passed orders on many complaints on the same day.
- It's the first time the commission has strived to achieve such an endeavor in Punjab.
- Dr RG Anand mentioned that during the camp they have received most of the complaints regarding the social security, education, health and infrastructure of which many of the complaints were resolved on the spot while they have directed concerned officials to solve the remaining complaints at the earliest.
- Health and Education also has various complaints where the children were unable to avail the basic facilities of health and education due to inadequate infrastructure, family problems.
- The Juvenile Justice section of complaints has also seen cases requiring immediate actions. In many cases there have been missing children.
- In the health sector, the maximum complaints were for the medical treatment, it could be concluded that medical treatment has been an appalling issue recently where maximum no. of people have not been given proper medical facilities and proper check-ups.
- Moreover, complaints of substance abuse, situations of infrastructure problems along with a case of a child's death due to wrong medication were also witnessed.
- Many students have undergone issues of fee concession, scholarship and school leaving certificates which had been promised to them. This comes in violation of their right to education.
- Along with that, the lacks of infrastructure and facilities in school have had an adverse effect on the education of the children as they have been unable to have proper education in the way that they should.
- Regarding complaints under POCSO have been less but sexual assault, prostitution and rapes have still been very prevalent.
- Although child labor cases have been less in amount, they should not be completely ignored. Minors working at the age at which they should study goes against the law and an immediate action is required in such cases.

NGO CONSULTATION MEET

Before the sitting of the bench National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights held a consultation meeting with the NGO's on 24th November 2019. In this session, the NCPCR team informed the NGO's about the roles and responsibilities that NCPCR carries with it as under the CPCRA Act, 2005 and also made them aware of the objective of conducting the bench. The NGO's were informed about the onus of duty that they were responsible towards in the whole process and asked them to bring complaints related to child rights violation on 26th November 2019 , that is the day of the bench. These complaints could either be typed or hand written.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CONSULTATION MEETING



- The NGO's were told to make the children aware of their rights.
- They were told that child right violations do not merely have to be physical in nature such as sexual assault but also can be mental in nature.
- They were advised on the manner in which they were to inquire into the same and the way in which children are to be dealt with.
- Of the 19 NGO's we were made aware of though scouring the state portal and through the benevolent efforts of the Deputy Commissioner, only 8 NGO's showed up.
- There is no NGO in Moga that solely represents child rights and interests.
- Due intimation was communicated and follow up was done approximately a week before the bench.
- They were encouraged to spread awareness about the sitting of NCPCR bench and report as much as complaints possible.

MEETING WITH OFFICIALS

On 25th November 2019 in the District Administrative Complex (DAC) by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights and their team. Wherein in depth discussion took places and great efforts were made to provide administrative, substantial and procedural clarity to the officials present. For example they were familiarized with the format of the note sheet, the use of token and the systematic logicity behind the aforementioned.

DETAILS OF INSPECTION OF INSTITUTIONS

Field visits to various child care institutions such as: - schools, civil hospitals, Anganwadi Centers and One stop centers were conducted. The objective of conducting the inspection was to review the performance and

standard of facilities being provided to minors, while simultaneously undertaking suo-moto cognizance in cases where child rights are being violated in the given institution. The team from NCPCR comprising Mr. Sundeep Rathee, Ms. Zohra Zaman, Ms. Payal Sharma and Ms. Anshu Kumari were here in Moga from last three days and during their stay they have visited various schools in district, Government Hospital, Anganwadis, One Stop Centre etc. They were accompanied by the DCPU. The observation of irregularities and violations based on the existing infrastructure and the discharge of responsibilities by the authorities with reference to the governing laws under the relevant acts, suo- moto cognizance was taken on the issues as enlisted below.

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- There was no sweeper or security guard present on premises.
- The children were maltreated as they were made to sweep the classrooms and clean the washrooms.
- No provision for a special teacher.
- Inadequate provisions for visually impaired children as seen in the case of a sixth standard visually impaired minor girl in the school.
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SCHOOL VISIT

Sarkari Elementary School, Gururam Das Nagar

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Sarkari Colony School, Indira Colony Nagar

- Absence of a Special needs teacher, exemplified by the case of a 10-year-old deaf and dumb student (Token no.- 92)
- Low terrace boundary posing as a threat to child safety and security.
- The washroom and sanitation facilities of the school were in an abysmal condition.

- There was a lack of proper water facilities as well.
- The mid-day meal prepared outside in the school playground, near the entrance. This again poses a threat to the children's safety and security.
- There was found to be a lack of awareness about 'good touch and bad touch' among the students.

Sarkari Primary School, Khudri Bora Moga

- The sanitation and washroom facilities were in a terrible condition.
- Due to the unclean toilets it was found that a foul stench hung over the area concerned.
- Here too, there was a lack of special educators.

HEALTH CENTER

Civil hospital, New Town, Moga, Punjab- 142001

The Civil hospital in Moga, where the Civil Surgeon appointed is Dr. Harinder Pal Singh. Suo Moto cognizance under token no. 99 of the following:-

- The delivery ward was in an abysmal condition.
- The basic standard of hygiene and sanitation were not met.
- Beds left outside in the balcony.
- Post- Natal care was not duly provided; conditions were such that new born infants were at a risk of catching infection.

ANGANWADI CENTRES

Gali No- 4 ,Gurduwara, Centre Number- 179, Ward- 12 Code 807

The visit took place on 25th November 2019.Suo Moto Cognizance under Token No. 43 was taken considering the following-

- The Anganwadi board was not displayed outside the AWC.
- There were no separate rooms.
- Furthermore, there were no seating arrangements for children. There was no kitchen either. Moreover, there was no bathroom present.

Further inquiry is to take place and the action taken report is to be submitted within 15 days.

ON THE DAY OF THE BENCH

The commission conducted its bench in the Moga district on 26th November 2019. A six-member bench comprising Honorable Members NCPDR Dr RG Anand and Rosy Taba, Deputy Commissioner Moga

Sandeep Hans, Superintendent of Police (SSP) Moga Amarjit Singh Bajwa, Chairman Punjab State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (PSCPCR) Rajinder Singh and Secretary PSCPCR Amandeep Kaur headed the camp. The commission received 239 no. of complaints as enumerated below.

Types of complaints	Education	Juvenile Justice	Health	POCSO	Child Labour	Others	Total
Through Complainant	21	140	32	3	2	2	239
Through Suo- Moto	9	21	6	3	0		

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

COMPLAINTS

The said complaints were segregated based on the areas that come under Section 3 of CPC Act, 2005. The highest no. of cases was registered under Justice Juvenile for the want of sponsorship.

S.No.	DIVISION	TOTAL
1.	Juvenile Justice	161
2.	Health	38
3.	Education	30
4.	Laws related to children (POCSO)	6
5.	Child Labour	2
6.	Others (not under CPC Act)	2
Total		239

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KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF COMPLAINTS

- The highest no. of complaints were registered under the Juvenile Justice for the want of scholarship by children. This also included pensions and in some cases immediate actions such as the cases of sexual assault, rapes and child beggary.
- Health and Education also has various complaints where the children were unable to avail the basic facilities of health and education due to inadequate infrastructure, family problems, etc.
- POCSO, child labor and other type of complaints were also a part of the total no. of complaints received.

NATURE OF COMPLAINT ANALYSIS

The bench/camp received 239 complaints. The complaints are further categorized as the following

given below: -

Juvenile Justice

S.No.	NATURE OF COMPLAINT	TOTAL
1.	Pensions	11
2.	Sponsorship	141
3.	Other	9

Health

S.No.	NATURE OF COMPLAINT	TOTAL
1.	Anganwadi Center	1
2.	Disability pension	10
3.	Adhaar Card	2
4.	Death Certificate	1
5.	Medical (Disability) Certificate	7
6.	Medical Treatment	14
7.	Substance abuse in 17 villages	1
8.	Civil Hospital's infrastructure	1
9.	Wrong Medication resulting in death of a minor	1

EDUCATION

S.No.	NATURE OF COMPLAINT	TOTAL
1.	Inadequate school infrastructure	8
2.	Fee concession	9
3.	Admission for spl. Children	4
4.	Lack of facilities	4
5.	Lack of facilities along with maltreatment of students	1
6.	Familial issues hampering education	1
7.	Not getting scholarship	2
8.	School Leaving certificate	1

POCSO

S.No.	NATURE OF COMPLAINT	TOTAL
1.	Sodomy	1
2.	Sexual Assault	1
3.	Sexual offences against 3-18 year old boys	1
4.	Forced prostitution	1
5.	Stricter punishments for rapists	1
6.	POSCO victim wrongly situated	1

CHILD LABOUR

S.No.	NATURE OF COMPLAINT	TOTAL
1.	Minors made to work at shops	1
2.	Minors made to work at shops and hotels	1

The major highlights of this endeavor under the direction of the NITI Aayog has been:-

- Deputy Commissioner Sandeep Hans has undertaken the onus of improvements in Education, Health, Agriculture, Infrastructure and Water Supply and Sanitation sectors in the district, the NITI Aayog has sanctioned the grant of Rs 3 crores for the development of the district. He also assured the members of the NCPCR to resolve all the complaints at the earliest.
- All the NGO's and residents of Moga have become relatively more aware and proactive about the importance of child rights as can be seen from the outstanding example of Arjun Kumar who filed several complaints regarding child rights violations.

ANALYSIS

- Regarding NGO's there is no singular organization solely dedicated to child rights in the district.
- It has been observed that there is a massive knowledge gap when it comes to the awareness among officials of the districts and schools with regard to POCSO.
- There is a lack of sensitization and awareness regarding Juvenile Justice and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences.
- A CCI for both minor boys and girls needs to be constructed with the requisite infrastructure and administrative means.
- The Civil hospitals' infrastructure and post- natal care was in an abysmal state.
- There is a rampant drug abuse issue in 17 districts for which an ATR has been orders.
- There is no child line in Moga due to which all complaints are forwarded to the DCPO, this results in undue increase of work and leads to decreasing efficiency.
- The school maltreated students and had no special educators both these add up to be an essential factor hampering the studies of the children.

CONCLUSION

To conclude there are several steps that we can undertake.

- Awareness programs regarding POSCO can be conducted such that more incidents where the basic dignity of a child is violated can be brought to justice.
- Moreover the kids need to be made aware of the essential difference between safe and unsafe touch and how to proceed in case of the latter.
- Sensitization camps can be conducted to bring to light the several crucial features of Justice Juvenile act that the residents are unaware of.
- Vocational courses should be conducted such that single mothers can look after their families and do not abandon their minor children or resort to illegal means to look after them and end up in prison.

- We need to make sure that infrastructural upgrades necessary are made in the AWC's along with the provision for IEC material for children and access to purified water.

ANNEXURE

LIST OF OFFICIALS PRESENT IN NCPCR CAMP

S. No.	NAME	DESIGNATION
1	Sh. Amarjit Singh	Senior Superintendent of Police, Moga
2	Smt. Anita Darshi	Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Moga
3	Sh. Bagicha Singh	Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Moga
4	Sh. Satpal Singh	DSP (Nodal Officer SJPU)
5	Sh. Ved Prakash Sh. Darshan Singh	SJPU(Anti Human Trafficking Cell, Moga)
6	Sh. Rajender Singh	SJPU (PS City Moga)
7	Sh. Sukhdev Singh	SJPU (PS City South Moga)
8	Sh. Balwinder Singh	SJPU (PS SadarMoga)
9	Sh. Prem Singh	SJPU (PS Dharamkot)
10	Sh. Gurpal Singh	SJPU (PS KotIse Khan)
11	Sh. Kuldeep Singh	SJPU (PS FatehgarhPanjtoor)
12	Sh. Major Singh	SJPU (PS Mehna)
13	Sh. Gurtej Singh	SJPU (PS Baghapurna)
14	Sh. Jasgir Singh	SJPU (PS Samalsar)
15	Sh. Mangal Singh	SJPU (PS Nihal Singh Wala)
16	Sh. JaswantRai	SJPU (PSBadhniKalan)
17	Sh. Balwinder Singh	SJPU (PS Ajitwal)
18	Dr. Rajesh Attari	Senior Medical Officer, Moga
19	Sh. Raj Kumar Garg	Assistant Labour Commissioner, Moga
20	Sh. Gurucharan Singh	District Programme Officer, Moga
21	Smt. Paramjit Kaur	District Child Protection Officer, Moga
22	Ms. Raj Kiran Kaur	District Social Security Officer, Moga
23	Sh. Harpal Singh Gill	District Welfare Officer, Moga
24	Sh. Jaspal Singh Aulakh	District Education Officer(S.S.), Moga
25	Sh. Nek Singh	District Education Officer(EI.), Moga
26	Sh. S J Chahal	Xen, Water Supply and Sanitation Department
27	Sh. Jagtar Singh Sindhu	District Development and Panchayat Officer, Moga
28	Mr. Farooqi	District Manager, Punjab Roadway, Moga
29	Sh. Amarnath	Food and Supply Department, Moga
30	Sh. ParamNarula	District Public Relation Officer, Moga
31	Sh. Pratap Singh	BDPO Moga -1
32	Sh. Jaswant Singh Barech	BDPO Moga- 2
33	Sh. Jaswant Singh Barech	BDPO Baghapurana
34	Kirpal Singh	BDPO Nihal Singh Wala
35	Sh. SukhwinderSingh Sidhu	BDPO
36	Smt. RanaGurbinder Kaur	CDPO Moga-1
37	Smt. RanaGurbinder Kaur	CDPO Moga-2
38	Sh. Karan Brar	CDPO, Baghapurna
39	Sh. Karan Brar	CDPO, Nihal Singh Wala
40	Sh. Karan Brar	CDPO, Dharamkot
41	Dr. Varinder Kaur	Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee Moga
42	Smt. Harbans Kaur	Member, Child Welfare Committee, Moga
43	Sh. Paramjit Singh	Member, Child Welfare Committee, Moga
44	Dr. Sanjeev Mittal	Member, Child Welfare Committee, Moga
45	Smt. Kailash Gupta	Member, Child Welfare Committee, Moga

46	Dr. Sunil Bansal	Member, Juvenile Justice Board, Moga
47	Smt. AnjumParveenPuri	Member, Juvenile Justice Board, Moga

Picture of Inspection Visits



