



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 National bench/camp at Begusarai district in Bihar. The Bench/Camp was organized on 27th Sep 2019. The bench/Camp consisted of Smt. Rosy Taba, Honorable Members of National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), Member Bihar State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, (SCPCR) District Collector along ADM of Begusarai, In total the bench/camp received 114 complaints by the bench.



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 26th Sep, 2019. The meeting was organized at District Collectorate Office in Begusarai. The NCPCR team was led by consultant Payal Sharma (Child labour) along with Consultant Ms. Mahima Lal (Education), Ms. Bharti (DEO, Education) and Mr. Luv Shah (DEO, POCSO). The NCPCR team along with the Sub-Collector and District Welfare Officer of Begusarai 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/camp 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 40 NGO's registered under NITI Darpan portal around 15 NGO's have participated in this meeting. The Commission informed the NGO's about the

objective of national bench/camp and asked them to attend the meeting to bring complaint grid or complainants highlighting the 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 twofold:

- 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.
- 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.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NGO-MEETING

- Around 15 NGO's have participated in the meeting.
- Around 35 officials along with teachers have agreed to volunteer in running the National Bench smoothly and efficiently.
- Representations of the NGO's were adequate. NGO's highlighted the issue of absence of School building and Anganwadis in Begusarai and non-implementation of RTE in specific areas.

INSPECTION OF INSTITUTIONS RELATED TO CHILD WELFARE

The Member ,Ms Rosy Taba and Officials of NCPCR conducted a one day inspection visit of Aanganwadi Centers and Schools in the Tribal areas of Begusarai District. NCPCR Team was accompanied by the officials of DCPO. The objective of these inspections was to review the performance and standards of the facilities provided to the AWCs and Schools and simultaneously take suo-moto cognizance on the matters pertaining to child rights violations in these institutes.

ANGANWADIS CENTRES

The NCPCR team visited four Anganwadis in Begusarai District:

- The First visit was at **AWC no-02** Sevika name was Hira Kumari. It was observed that, The AWC does not have its own building. The centre was running in a borrowed room. The centre had no access to electricity, at time of inspection; no children were there due to heavy rain. Sevika was unaware of the Anganwadi guidelines. Room was not maintained as a child friendly. There was no proper drainage system, no drinking water, no gas no cylinder. There was no proper boundary walls and gate. No proper sitting arrangement for children The Anganwadi children had to go to the school for mid-day meal. The centre did not follow any measures from the Anganwadi guidelines. There was no charts in the room , no register maintained by the Sevika.



- **The Second visit was at AWC no-05.** The Anganwadi centre had more than 20 children. The AWC was poorly maintained, the infrastructure of the center was very poor, Centre had only one room which was very congested, there was no proper kitchen room, the cooking cylinder and stove were in the same room posing threats to the children, the mid-day meal did not look nutritious and rather it was unhygienic, the centre did not have any access to electricity, in summer the children had to sit under the scorching sun as there was big hole in the ceiling roof. The cows were tied next to the room.

At the time of NCPCR officials visit, there were no children at the center because the AWC was situated at the main road posing threat to the children's safety as there was no boundary wall and gate. The AWC did not maintain any registers regarding food, children's vaccinations, lactating mothers, attendance and visitors. The AWC Sevika named Anita Roy was absent since two months without information.



- **The Third Anganwadi Centre no: 16.** And Sevika name was Indu kumari The AWC did not have its own building.. The centre had no have access to electricity; the room was not maintained as a child friendly. Multiple bags of cement were found lying unattended in the premises of Anganwadi and cement was scattered around the room creating safety problems for the children. When staff was inquired about the bags of cement, it was informed that cement has been kept in Anganwadi on the orders of Sarpanch of the Village



ISSUES IN ANGANWADI

- There was no proper light and ventilation in the room.
- Well/ Hand pump were the only source of drinking water.
- There were no proper sitting arrangements for children.
- Current status of the Anganwadi was not displayed.
- Rooms of the Anganwadi were no child friendly

SCHOOL VISIT

School Visited	Name of the School	Total Students	Total Classrooms	Staff Room	Toilets	Kitchen	Mid-day Meal	Drinking water facility
1	Rajkiyankrit Middle School, Pipra Dicas, Baroni,	949	8	0	6	1	Yes	Source-Handpump

During the visit, it was observed that the school was not in appropriate condition. The infrastructural facilities were inadequate and teachers were not eligible as per NCTE norms. Despite all this, the entire faculties in the school including the Principal were not aware about child rights Acts such as POCSO Act, Juvenile Justice Act etc.

ISSUES IN SCHOOL

- Commission found one area of the School 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.
- There was no proper light in kitchen and had no gas or cylinder.
- Lack of toilets, no safe water, no proper uniform, no shoes for children.

ON THE DAY OF THE SITTING OF THE BENCH/CAMP

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Below is the information on the total number of cases received during the sitting of the bench.

S.NO	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES	TOTAL NUMBER
1	Cases heard by the Bench	74
2	Cases registered but not heard	40
	TOTAL	114

District Wise

The Bench/camp received 114 complaints from Begusarai District. Apart from individual complainant, NGO's, CWC, schools presented the cases of child rights violation in front of the bench. The complainants representing their institutes helped the Commission in reaching out to the children who could not present their cases on the day of the sitting of the bench. The schools highlighted the issue of poor infrastructure

facility, lack of clean drinking water, no uniform, no school shoes for children, teachers were no qualified much and were not aware about the Act related to children etc relating to basic needs in school. Anganwadis had no drinking water facilities, inappropriate food material as per the children ratio. Children had no desk or mat to sit.

Area Wise (Under CPCR Act, 2005)

Complaints are segregated based on the 6 areas that come under section 3 of CPCR Act, 2005. The highest number of cases, that is, 29 cases were registered Juvenile Justice, 27 under Education, 40 under Health .

S.NO.	DEPARTMENTS	TOTAL COMPLAINTS
1	Juvenile Justice	29
2	Education	27
3	Laws relating to Children (POCSO)	5
4	Health	40
5	General Complaint	0
6	Child Psychology or Sociology	0
7	Child Labour	13
	TOTAL	114

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

COMPLAINT ANALYSIS ACCORDING NITI AAYOG INDICATORS

1) Education

Education department received 27 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	Complaints regarding financial assistance and scholarship	11
2	Complaints regarding school infrastructure	10
3	Complaint regarding dropout cases	2
4	Complaints regarding transportation facilities/ conveyance to schools	1

5	Complaints regarding admission to schools	1
6	Other education related issues	2
	TOTAL	27

2) Health

40 cases were registered under health department. Most of the cases were issues of children with disabilities. These children with disabilities are being deprived from their rights to admission in schools to medical negligence by the government hospital and non-issuance of disable certificates. Others complaints in health includes non-available of Anganwadi Buildings and non-provisions of Mid-Day Meal.

SECTION	NATURE OF COMPLAINTS	TOTAL NUMBERS
1	Complaints regarding Treatment	2
2	Disability Certificate	10
3	Complaint regarding Anganwadi	25
4	Complaint regarding Malnutrition	1
5	Others	2
	Total	40

3) Juvenile Justice (JJ)

29 cases were received under Juvenile Justice Department. The nature of complaints related to JJ is further divided into sections :

SECTION	NATURE OF COMPLAINTS	TOTAL NUMBERS
1	Financial Assistance and Sponsorsip	3
2	CNCP	4
3	Complaint regarding Government Scheme	3
4	Kidnapping	3

5	Disability Pension	14
6	Request for Tricycle	1
7	Other related Complaints	1
Total		29

4) Child labour

13 cases were received under Child Labour Act 1986, All cases registered under CLPRA but compensation were not provided.

5) Laws related to Children (POCSO)

05 cases were received Child labour were received during the bench all cases related to compensation of the victim.

OBSERVATION

NCPCR received full support from the District Officials during the national bench/camp conducted at Begusarai District. The bench/camp was conducted in Begusarai District. The District officials from District Welfare office, Begusarai, Mr. Vasudev and his team helped the NCPCR team starting from day one till the end of the bench. Assessing the ground realities in the district, a lot more complaints could have been generated if proper awareness was spread specially in the village areas through Aanganwadi workers and BDO's. The volunteers apart from district administration helped in running the proceedings of the Bench/Camp smoothly, teachers were there to help the complainant from registering the complainant to helping them write the complaint.

The major indicators to be worked upon are as follow:

- Infrastructural issues/ gaps in Schools, Anganwadis related to toilet facilities, drinking water, electricity needs to address.
- Proper functioning of Public Health Centre and Community Health Centres in district needs to be ensured through availability of requisite staff in these centres and also providing proper building, equipments etc.
- There were no child line, child line body should be constituted.

CONCLUSION

The National Bench was conducted successfully in Bihar-Begusarai. NCPCR registered number of 114 complaints and passed orders on 74 complaints received during the sitting of the bench/camp. The

Commission received lack of support and participation from the NGO's (registered under NITI AAYOG) from Begusarai district and full support from the District Officials. Around 40 NGOs and 15 NGO's brought complaints regarding child rights violation before the bench. And the remaining complaint will be processed from the Head Office in New Delhi.

ANNEXURE

S.NO	NAME OF THE NGO	CONTACT DETAILS	EMAIL ID
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3.	Seva Sanstha	9431266862	<u>ghanshyamkumarkumbhi@gmail.com</u>