





# **CAMP/BENCH REPORT**

## DUMKA, JHARKHAND 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2019

## NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS NEW DELHI

Working Report

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) conducted its bench/camp in Dumka District in Jharkhand on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Honorable Chairperson of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) along with Assistant Collector, Superintendent of Police and Senior Officials of Dumka.



#### **BEFORE THE SITTING OF THE BENCH/CAMP**

A video conferencing with the concerned Department was held in NCPCR on, and 28<sup>th</sup> July with the District Collector nodal officer MS. Sweta Bharti District Social Welfare Officer and District Child Protection Officer and District Education officers were briefed about the camp and the strategies to be undertaken for the successful camp including Publicity and Communication. The role and responsibilities of officers were fixed and requirements with respect to the camp were placed before them. The list of 20 Non-Governmental Organization listed in Niti Aayog Darpan Portal was mailed and communicated on call.

#### NCPCR Team:

Shri Paresh Shah, Senior Technical Expert –North East Cell & Education Division Ms. Zohra Zaman, Consultant, Child Health Ms. Tanya Monga, Consultant, Child Psychology Shri Sushil Kumar, DEO Child Health

#### MEETING WITH DISTRICT MAGISTRATE DUMKA

The team from NCPCR met with Smt. Rajeshwari. B, IAS, District Collector Dumka with Shri Sunil Kumar, Addl. Collector, Smt. Sweta Bharti, DSWO and to discuss the preparation for the camp. The requirements related to NCPCR Camp/Bench were once again explained to her and the preparations were checked. The Commission's team explained point wise the process and requirements for successful execution of the Camp/Bench. The DC assured full cooperation by the District and her team of officials.

#### NGO CONSULTATION MEET

For the successful running of the camp, The National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights in coordination with District authority Dumka organized an NGO Consultation meet on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at District Collectorate Office in Dumka The NCPCR team along with the District Social Welfare officer and acting Nodal officer Officer Smt.Shweta Bharti. chaired the consultation meeting. Out of NGO's registered under NITI Darpan portal around 12 NGO's actively participated in the meeting

#### The Purpose of the Meeting was to:

- Share the objective of the camp with the district authorities as well as the NGO.
- To sensitize the authorities and the concerned NGO the important need to address the case of child rights violation
- To identify the gaps in the matter of Child Rights
- To play an active role during the camp so that matters pertaining to child rights are highlighted and heard



## **INSPECTION OF INSTITUTIONS RELATED TO CHILD WELFARE**

The **Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)** program is under implementation as the most important government intervention for reducing maternal and childhood malnutrition. This scheme has expanded remarkable in its scope and coverage providing a well-integrated package of services through a network of community-level Anganwadi Centers (AWCs) Team NCPCR officials conducted inspections of the Anganwadi

Centre in Dumka District, NCPCR team were accompanied by Child District Protection Officer.

The objective of conducting the inspection was to

- review the performance and standards of the facilities provided to the children in AWC's and simultaneously
- to take suo moto cognizance on the matters pertaining to child rights violation in these programs) under Section 13 (1) (j) of CPCR Act, 2005.

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has also developed the inspection format for 'Review of Existing Gaps and framing parameters for Anganwadi Centres which was field-tested during the visit.

#### DHADAKIYA AWC CENTRE CODE NOS-9

During the visit, the Anganwadi Centre was closed because of the ongoing strike of ICDS Department in the State of Jharkhand and Bihar. However, the Anganwadi worker and helper were present at the time of inspection. The team observed that the infrastructure of the AWC Centre was in a poor dilapidated condition. There was no provision of toilet and safe drinking water for the children in the centre neither there was any safe hygienic provision for kitchen facility. The official from NCPCR also cross-checked the number of register to see whether it was properly maintained as per the mandate of the Women and Child Development Department. However, the registers were properly maintained as per the mandate of the Women and Child Development Department.

#### Issues in Anganwadi Centre

- There was no adequate provision of drinking water in the centre. The helper and the Anganwadi worker had to take water from the neighbouring home to fulfil their water requirement.
- The Anganwadi centre had the provision of toilet facility but it was not used as the infrastructure was in poor condition. The weighing machine was also not available in the Anganwadi Centre at the time of inspection
- There was no proper lighting and fan in the centre.
- The storage area in the Anganwadi needs further improvement.

Therefore, NCPCR has taken suo-motu cognizance of the matter relating to child rights violation and asked the authority to make and provide an alternative source of clean drinking water to AWC's like- provide water dispensers or treated tap water. Also, the team recommended the authorities to help the AW's maintain and upgrade the facilities in the kitchen and storage area.

#### KAATHIKUND AWC CENTRE CODE NOS-01

Team NCPCR visited another AWC Center in Kathikund with the Child Development project officer in Kathikund center code nos 1. There was a covered well in front of the AWC Centre. The infrastructure of the AWC Centre was poor. There was no provision of electricity in the center. There was a small storage space in the AWC Centre which was in an unhygienic condition. There was provision of drinking water and sanitation facility in the AWC Centre. The AWC center had built a small nutrition garden inside its premises.

#### Issues in Anganwadi Centre

- The infrastructure of the Anganwadi centre was in a poor condition, the building was in a dilapidated condition. There was no provision of electricity in the Anganwadi centre.
- Therefore, NCPCR has taken Suo Motu cognizance of the matter relating to child rights violations and asked the authority to make sure that to help the AW's maintain and upgrade the facilities in the kitchen and storage area and renovate the infrastructure facility.

#### VISIT TO DISTRICT HOSPITAL DUMKA IN KATHIKUND

Team NCPCR visited the District Hospital in Dumka and observed that the infrastructure was in good condition. The hospital was also maintained in a hygienic manner. The Malnutrition centre was also established in the hospital. The team visited the MTC centre and observed the following points;

- The MTC centre was hygienically maintained
- Children and infants were properly treated and given nutrition in the center
- Dietary food was given to the children
- The register was well maintained in the centre and weight of the children was properly recorded in the centre

#### VISIT TO CCIS IN DHADAKIYA

Team NCPCR visited Balika Grah Children's Home (Girls) in Dhadakiya, Team was assisted by Child District Protection Officer in the visit. Ms. Kajal the female Superintendent in charge of the CCI was present at the time of visit. Team NCPCR examined all the register as mandated under Juvenile Justice Care and Protection Act,2015 and observed that all the register was properly maintained by the CCI. The CCI was found to be following majority of the rule under JJ. Important emergency numbers were displayed in the CCI the kitchen was found to be hygienic and meals were found to be as per the menu displayed on the board. The girls had linkages to education facilities. During the visit, a POCSO victim long with her eight-month-old child was found to be living in the CCI. During the interaction, it was found that the girl was in relationship with the man and during the relationship she conceived. The family found this out and a case of POCSO was registered against the man. The girl was being properly counseled at the CCI. However, much work and effort need to be done with respect to her case.

During the visit, a girl with mental issues was also found. However, she was kept in an isolated space apart from other girls due to her violent nature.

#### Gaps in the CCI

• The CCI did not have any trained expert to deal with the victim of sexual abuse and mental health patient.

#### VISIT TO CCI- CHILDREN' HOME FOR BOYS- IN DHADAKIYA MORTANGA

Team NCPCR visited Boys children Home in Mortunga run by Gram Pradouyo Giki Vikas Sansthan. During the visit, the Housefather was present inside the home. A total of 10 boys were present inside the home. Team NCPCR examined all the register as mandated under Juvenile Justice Care and Protection Act, 2015 and observed that all the register was properly maintained by the CCI.

#### MAJOR OBSERVATION AND GAPS IN THE CCI

- There was no age-wise segregation wise segregation of the boys living in the CCI
- The children alleged that they were made to work in CCIs including cleaning dusting and helping in the kitchen. Team NCPCR took statement of all the children and were asked to sign on it
- The children alleged that they were not provided food as per the menu

#### VISIT TO SPECIAL ADOPTION AGENCY IN MORTUNGA IN CHILDREN HOME MORTANGA

Team NCPCR visited in Kewatapara Mortunga Dumka run by Gram Pradouyo Giki Vikas Sansthan and examined the necessary register as mandated under the JJ Act. The house father and mother were present at the time of inspection. During the visit, it was observed that two disabled children were present in the SAA who were not adopted owing to their mental disability and non-mobility. Team NCPCR was informed that one of the children was surrendered after adoption owing to medical complications and disability. Due to lack of sensitization among public adoption has become difficult for disabled children or children suffering from other illness.

#### VISIT TO OBSERVATION HOME, HIZLA

Team NCPCR visited the Observation Home, Hizla Dumka. During the visit, the Housefather was present at the home. A total of 85 boys were present at the home. Team NCPCR examined all the register as mandated under Juvenile Justice Care and Protection Act, 2015 and observed that all the registers were properly maintained by the CCI.

#### Gaps in the CCIS

The CCI didn't have proper reading room or library. The quality of Counsellor on inspection was not found adequate, no session summary or register were being maintained by the counsellor. The suo-motu cognizance was taken for the children whose psychological assessment as per the direction of JJB has been long pending.

### VISIT TO PRATHMIK VIDHALYA SAROOVA, DUMKA

NCPCR team visited the school. The total strength of the school was 65 students. Based on the visit to the school, suo-motu cognizance was taken of the severe infrastructural deficits observed in the school premises. There was an extremely unsafe pond adjacent to the school. The school had no boundary wall. It was observed that not all kids were in school uniforms.

#### VISIT TO UTKRAMIT MADHYA VIDHALYA, VIJAYAPUR, DUMKA

NCPCR team visited the school. The total strength of the school was 43 students. Based on the visit to the school, suo-motu cognizance was taken of the severe infrastructural deficits observed in the school premises where they had no library, no staff room, no boundary wall and no fire safety measures. Upon inquiry, it was ascertained that kids and teachers had to clean washrooms because of unavailability of staff.

## ON THE DAY OF THE SITTING OF THE BENCH/CAMP

The Commission conducted its bench/camp in Dumka District in Jharkhand on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Honorable Chairperson of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) along with Assistant Collector, Superintendent of Police and Senior Officials of Dumka.

The Commission received 257 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 6 areas that come under section 3 of CPCR Act, 2005. The highest number of cases, that is, 114 were registered under Education, 90 cases were registered under Juvenile Justice, 40 under Child health, 8 under Child Psychology & Sociology and 5 cases under POCSO.

Sl. No.	Theme	No. of Complaints
1.	Education	114
2.	Health	40
3.	Psychology and Sociology	8
4.	Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children)	90
5.	Laws Relating to Children	5
	Total	257

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

#### **EDUCATION**

114 complaints were registered on the day of the sitting of the bench. The complaints were pertaining to the following broad areas:-

SECTION	NATURE OF COMPLAINTS	TOTAL COMPLAINTS
1.	Inadequate PTR	10
2.	Infrastructural deficits in schools- lack of safe drinking water, toilets, leakage in roofs, lack of furniture, boundary wall etc.	25
3.	Admission related	7
4.	No information of POCSO	2
5.	Financial assistance for Education	65
6.	Mid day meal	4
7.	Corporal Punishment	1
TOTAL		114

#### JUVENILE JUSTICE

The bench/camp received 90 complaints on the day of the sitting of the bench/camp. The complaints were received in the broad areas of:

SECTION	NATURE OF COMPLAINTS	TOTAL COMPLAINTS
1	Cases related to child sponsorship	61
2	Cases related to disability/ disability pension	7
3	Aawas and Sukanya Yojana	3
4	Orphan Child	1
5	Related to deficit/problems in CCI	17
6	Complaint related to SAA	1
	TOTAL	90

### CHILD HEALTH

The Commission received 40 complaints on the day of the sitting of the bench/Camp. The complaints were pertaining to the broad areas of:-

SECTION	NATURE OF COMPLAINTS	TOTAL COMPLAINTS
1	Infrastructural deficits in Anganwadi centres	9
2	Cases related to construction of Anganwadi centre	2
3	Cases related to Malnutrition	6
4	Cases related to Medical Treatment	23
TOTAL		40

#### CHILD PSYCHOLOGY & SOCIOLOGY

The bench/camp received 8 complaints on the day of the sitting of the bench/camp. The complaints were pertaining to:

SECTIO N	NATURE OF COMPLAINTS	TOTAL COMPLAINTS
1	Psychological assessment and treatment	4
2	Training of counselor	1
3	Illegal liquor shop	1

4	Lack of counselling room	1
5	Need for counselor	1
TOTAL 8		

#### LAWS RELATED TO CHILDREN (POCSO)

The bench/camp received 5 complaints on the day of the sitting of the bench/camp. The complaint was pertaining to sexual abuse & harassment of girls.

SECTION	NATURE OF COMPLAINTS	TOTAL COMPLAINTS
1	Harassment	5

## COMPLAINT ANALYSIS ACCORDING TO NITI AAYOG INDICATORS

Sl. No.	Indicator	Complaints
1.	Health including malnutrition, medical treatment and	40
	infrastructural deficits of Anganwadi Centres	
2.	Education including infrastructural deficits, MDM, inadequate	40
	PTR, corporal punishment, lack of awareness etc	

### OUTCOMES

Some of the key highlights of complaints received during the NCPCR camp/bench at Dumka were as follow:

- On the spot disability assessment of children with disability was ordered.
- Child facing issues of epilepsy was by examined by the CMO and team immediately made order by the Commission.
- CWC was ordered to immediately look into the matters related to children requiring benefits and entitlements of Government Schemes such as Sponsorship etc. Also, urgently attend to matters of children abandoned, surrendered, and orphan, not produced before CWC, children staying in CCIs viz. Children

Homes, Observation Homes, Special Adoption Agencies (SAA). It should be ensured that all CCIs are registered under the JJ Act, 2015.

- The infrastructure related gaps were ordered to be looked into for schools and Anganwadi Centres.
- The Commission passed directives to look into presentation of CICL in Children Home in-front of JJB on priority, wherever not done so far.

## CONCLUSION

The Bench concluded successfully with the Commission receiving total 257 representations and petitions. Active involvement of NGO/CSOs, Children themselves was noted. Honorable Chairperson, NCPCR passed several on the spot directions in the best interest of children and as per Section 13(1) of the CPCR Act, 2005. The compliance of every grievance received by the Commission shall be sought in the time bound manner and followed up by the Commission. The Chairperson appreciated efforts of NGOs and District Administration in spreading awareness on Child Rights and Child Protection related issues and successful coordination of the NCPCRs Camp/Bench.

## <u>Annexure</u>

## List of NGOs Active in DUMKA

SI.No.	Name of the Organization	
1.	CINI Need Institute, Dumka,	
	Shailendra Sharma, Program Manager -Tel: 70003411640	
2.	Abhyudaya Jankalyan Ashram, Secretary Shakuntala Dubey, New	
	Kumharpara, Near Theka Baba, PO- Dumka, Dist Dumka , PIN -	
	814101, Tel: 09934556320,06434-230117	
4	Jharkhand Samudayik Utthan Parishad, Sayed Akbar Jaan Jaidi	
	9304529814, 06434-230755	
6	Lahanti	
	Dumka - Jamtara Rd, Dudhani, Karayachak Raghunathganj, Jharkhand 814110 Phone: 099731 50445	
7	Prayas Foundation	
	Secretary, Madhukar, Supriya Medical Kadhalbil, Dumka-814101, Phone	
	<b>:</b> 9431310638	
8.	Adivasi Welfare And Rural Development Trust, Baxi Bandh, Kali Bari Road, Dumka - 814101, Phone : 9199107466	
9.	NAV JAGRAN TRUST-	
	Charkapathar, Saraiyahat Dumka-Phone : 943155051	
10.	Manavi	
	Grant Estate Road, Dumka, Secretary, Annu,	
	Phone: 7979810566, 8434441441	

### Annexure

## List of Officials/Departments Present during the Dumka Bench

- 1. Additional Collector, Dumka,
- 2. Superintendent of Police, Dumka
- 3. Department of Social Welfare
- 4. Department of School Education
- 5. Department of Higher Education
- 6. Department of Rural Development
- 7. Representative of Panchayati Raj
- 8. District Social Welfare Officer
- 9. Department of Rural Development
- 10.Department of Road Transport
- 11. Chief Medical Officer
- 12. Chairperson and Members of Child Welfare Committee
- 13. Juvenile Justice Board
- 14. ICDS Staff
- 15. ICPS Staff
- 16.AWWs
- 17. ANMs
- 18. Teachers
- 19. Headmasters of Schools
- 20.

### <u>Annexure</u>

## **MEDIA GALLERY**





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