



CAMP/BENCH REPORT

CHHATARPUR MADHYA PRADESH

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS
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Working Report

INTRODUCTION

The National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) conducted its National Bench/Camp in Chhatarpur District which is situated in Madhya Pradesh. The programme was organised on 1st February, 2020 and was chaired by Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Honourable Chairperson of National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights. The bench also consisted of Mr. Sheelendra Singh, District Magistrate and Mr. Himanshu Chandra, CEO Zila Panchayat. In total the bench/camp received 318 complaints- All the complaints were heard during the bench and orders were passed.



The key highlights of the Bench/Camp were:-

- The Bench/Camp received 318 complaints from the district and all 318 complaints were heard on the same day.
- The majority of complaints received in the bench were related to functioning and infrastructure of anganwadis in the district.
- None of the child related institutions were aware about the National Bench to be held in the district. The District administration was found completely unprepared and did not cooperate during the bench.
- The ChildLine and local NGOs were also unaware about the purpose and requirements of the bench.
- Due to complete lack of participation from the district administration, the bench was decided to be conducted again by the Hon'ble Chairperson of the Commission, Shri Priyank Kanoongo.

BEFORE THE SITTING OF THE BENCH/CAMP

1. Ngo Consultation Meet

The National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights conducted an NGO Consultation meet on 30.01.2020. The meeting was organized at Conferemce Hall, Zila Panchayat, Chhatarpur. The NCPCR team constituted Ms. Anshu Sharma, consultant



(Education) along with Mr. Brijesh; Mr. Ajish I.R, consultant (JJ/QRC)).The NCPCR team along with DPO, Chhatarpur conducted the consultation meet. Total 40 NGOs have been registered on NGO Darpan Portal and 30 local NGOs were present in the meeting. 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 and asked them to bring complaint grid or complainants highlighting the child rights violation from the district on the day of the sitting of National Bench. Although local NGO's were not prepared about the bench and no issue regarding child rights violation was brought in the bench sitting by any local NGO.

2. Meeting with District Administration, Chhatarpur on 30.01.2020.

The team conducted a meeting with the Department Officials of District Chhatarpur at Meeting Hall, Collectorate, Chhatarpur. NCPCR's team took feedback on the preparation done till date and found that Department Officials were very lenient about the organization of Bench at their District. NCPCR team explained the procedure of Camp



and how to fill sample note sheet during the bench to the officers present to make the proceedings of the bench smooth. Although, no particular support was provided by the Departments before or during the bench.

INSPECTION VISIT

The Officials of NCPCR conducted inspections in Khajuraho and Chhatarpur prior to the day of the bench that is on 30.01.2020. The objective of these inspections was to review the performance and standards of the facilities provided to the children and simultaneously take suo-moto cognizance on the matters pertaining to child rights violations in these institutes.

- **Community Health Center, Khajuraho**

The NCPCR team visited the Community Health Center in Khajuraho wherein equipments found were fine but appropriate staff was not present. During the visit no patients were found in the Health Center and the staff was not aware about the National Bench being conducted in the Chhatarpur districts and no preparation were made.

- **Anganwadi Kendra Ward 14; 09;08, Khajuraho**

All three anganwadis had staff present but registers were not maintained properly. Their anganwadi centers were on rent with high rate of monthly payment which causes them trouble to maintain as funds were not granted properly. The anganwadi workers also did not have any information about the National Bench being conducted in Chhatarpur Districts.

- **Shasakiya Utkrisht Madyamik Vidyalaya, Khajuraho, Vikas Khand-Rajnagar**

While visit in the school it was found that appropriate furniture (desks) has not been provided in the school. When enquired it was informed that desks have not been allotted to many schools in the state. In the school also no one was aware about the National Bench and no announcements had been made to the children about the bench.

- **Shasakiya Prathmik Shala, Heerapurva**

The school was in motion during the visit and children were being taught very nicely in a friendly enjoyable manner by teachers. Although, this school also did not have appropriate desks and the staff and children were not aware about the bench.

- **Stuti Bal Graha, Chhatarpur**

The Child Care Institution had proper arrangements for the children living in the home. The institution has proper sleeping rooms, game rooms, common room, T V room, ground etc. The children were admitted in appropriate schools for proper education. Children did not know about the bench.

- **Rajaya Shree Shishu Greh, Chhatarpur**

The SAA was found in proper condition, children were taken care of appropriately. The listing on CARING portal had been made properly and children were being successfully adopted. They did not have any clue about the National Bench.

ON THE DAY OF THE SITTING OF THE BENCH/CAMP

The Commission conducted its National bench/camp at Chhatarpur district in Madhya Pradesh. The Bench/Camp was organized on 01st February, 2020. The bench/Camp consisted of Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Hon'ble Chairperson of National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR); Mr. Sheelendra Singh, District Magistrate and Mr. Himanshu Chandra, CEO Zila Panchayat. In total the bench/camp received 318 complaints- All the complaints were heard during the bench and orders were passed.



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	318
2	Cases registered but not heard	0
	TOTAL	318

✚ Area Wise (Under CPC Act, 2005)

Complaints are segregated based on the 6 areas that come under section 3 of CPC Act, 2005. The majority of cases, that is, 34 cases were registered under Juvenile Justice followed by 17 cases registered under Education and 44 cases registered under POCSO.

S.NO.	DEPARTMENTS	TOTAL COMPLAINTS
1	Juvenile Justice	34
2	Education	17
3	Laws relating to Children (POCSO)	04
4	Health	263
6	Child Psychology or Sociology	0
7	Child Labor	0
	TOTAL	318

Subject wise analysis of complaint

1) Education: 17 complaints were registered on the day of the sitting of the bench. The number of complaints received with issues pertaining to educational institutions was very underwhelming given the aspirational status of the district.

Section	Nature of complaints	Total complaints
1	Cases related to Scholarship/ Financial Assistance	02
2	Cases related to Infrastructural Issues	12
3	Cases related to unavailability of books, uniforms etc (Entitlement Related)	01
4	Cases related to lack of teacher	01
5	Miscellaneous	01
	Total	17

2) Juvenile Justice

Section	Nature of complaints	Total complaints
1	Cases related to compensation & sponsorship for children	15
2	Cases related to missing children/ kidnapping/ murder	03
3	Cases related to issuing of Voter card/ aadhar card/Ration Card	01
4	Cases related with issuing any scheme	02
5	Cases related with foster care	02
6	Other	11
	Total	34

3) Child Health

Among the total cases received during Chhatarpur Bench, largest number of cases was found to be related to health with total of 263 cases registered with problems related to health.

Section	Nature of complaints	Total complaints
1	Cases related to Anganwadi functioning	252
2	Cases related to issuing of disability certificate or disability pension	01
3	Cases related to health treatment	08
4	Other	02
	Total	263

4) POCSO

Section	Nature of complaints	Total complaints
1	Cases related to sexual abuse/ harassment	03
2	Cases related with rape	01
	Total	04

DURING THE BENCH

Since the turnout of the complaints were not found as expected due to lack of awareness in the district and unprepared attitude of the administration following were decided during the bench by the Hon'ble Chairperson, Shri Priyank Kanoongo in association with the district administration:

- Labour Department is to conduct rescue operations for child labour in the district and provide complete/detailed report to the Commission within one month.
- Education Department will identify out-of-school children in the district as per the list of WCD and get them re-enrolled in the school within one week.
- Social Welfare Department will share the data of at least 200 children between the age group of 6-8 years who have been deprived of education and collaborate with the Education Department in getting said children re-admitted into the school.
- Child Line will create/prepare Individual Care Plan (ICP) of at least 200 children living in Child Care Institutions.

- Complete data of Divyang children of the district is to be collected by Anganwadis within 7 days and work on providing disability certificates.
- Education Department to map out and ensure that no child of Bediya Community in the district is out of school. Proper education to Bediya children to be made sure.
- DPO to make personal visit and ensure that all the children of Bediya Community are mapped out and cared for appropriately under governmental schemes.
- Chief Medical Officer with the help of WCD to map out all the specially abled children of the district and produce them in front of Medical Board so as to arrange pension and certificate for the children within a week.

Complaint Analysis According to NITI AAYOG INDICATORS

The National bench 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 the matters related to child rights violations. Therefore, the commission has placed its focus on three key sectors- Education & Nutrition Focusing on the Facilities provided to children.

Subject	Indicator	Complaints received
Health	Proportion of Anganwadis with own buildings	A sum total of 252 complaints related to lack of infrastructure facilities and other issues in the functioning of Anganwadis were registered during the Bench.
Education	Transition rate from primary to upper primary school level & Transition rate from upper primary to secondary school level	12 school infrastructure related complaints were registered during the bench.
	-Toilet access: percentage schools with functional girls' toilets -Percentage of schools with functional drinking water facility -Percentage of schools with functional electricity facility at secondary level	

CONCLUSION

The National Bench conducted in Chhatarpur Madhya Pradesh by NCPCR was found to be one of the most disheartening sights due to complete absence of co-operation from the district administration. Despite being an aspirational district, no cases of child labour was brought to light. What even more difficult to swallow was the fact that only 4 cases related to child sexual offences were registered during the bench. The District Administration were found to be unaware and completely nonchalant about the process and purpose of conducting the bench in the district. Also, the administration was unprepared for the work that accounts under the term aspirational district as prescribed by NITI Aayog.

During visits the team of NCPCR found that the basic stakeholders of the bench like children and staff in schools, hospitals, Child Care Institutions, Anganwadis etc. were completely uninformed about the bench. The posters about the date time and venue of the National Bench was not found anywhere in schools, anganwadis etc. The complete disregard towards such a national level program by the administration creates suspicion as to whether children of the district are even aware about child rights or not. Ultimately during the bench, given the circumstances, it was decided by the Hon'ble Chairperson of the Commission, Shri Priyank Kanoongo, that National Bench in aspirational district Chhatarpur, Madhya Pradesh will be conducted again so as to properly address any such situation the children of district are facing which can be attended by the Commission appropriately.



ANNEXURES

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