



CAMP/BENCH REPORT

VIZIANAGARAM
ANDHRA PRADESH

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS
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Working Report

INTRODUCTION

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights in continuation of its initiatives to cover all Aspirational districts and to directly hear the complaints/grievances related to child rights violation conducted its National Bench on 8th August, 2019. The Bench begun with Honorable Member NCPCR, Dr. R.G. Anand, District Collector & Magistrate Dr. Hari Jawaharlal, IAS lighting of the lamp along with Chairperson Andhra Pradesh SCPCR Ms. G. Hymavathi, and Shri. Appa Rao, Member, Andhra Pradesh SCPCR. Subsequently, a press conference was held, chaired by the Member NCPCR, Dr. R.G. Anand and District Magistrate and Collector District Vizianagaram, Dr. Hari Jawaharlal IAS. Dr. Anand explained about the purpose and process of how the child rights violation complaints would be addressed.



BEFORE THE BENCH

Consultation Meeting

The National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights conducted a Non Governmental Organisations (NGO) Consultation meet on 6.08.2019. The meeting was organised at District Collectorate Office in Vizianagaram. The NCPCR team along with the District Magistrate chaired the consultation meet. During the meeting, the NCPCR team informed the NGOs about the objective and purpose of constituting a National Bench related to child rights violations in the district. Along with the NGOs, officials from various State Departments such as health, police. etc were also present. The main purpose and procedure of the bench were explained to State Departments. The team also informed the respective NGOs 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. The Commission informed the NGOs about the objective of National Bench and asked them to attend the meeting before

the sitting of the bench and asked them to bring complaint grid or complainants highlighting the child right violation from there district on the day of the sitting of National Bench.

Highlights of the Meeting:

A meeting with various NGOs in the district, along with the District Magistrate was held on 6.08.2019.

- 1) Around 42 NGOs participated in the meeting.
- 2) NGOs briefed the NCPCR team with the various issues prevailing in the district, which was associated with lack of access to schools, child marriage etc. Many NGOs reported that the children did not have Aadhar Card, Ration Card, and Disability Certificate.
- 3) Representations from the NGOs were adequate and the NGO members seemed very active in the entire process.
- 4) 42 officials from 29 NGOs reported in the meeting on 6.08.19.

MEETING WITH VOLUNTEERS

- A meeting chaired by the District Collector and the NCPCR team was conducted with volunteers of the various participating NGOs a day before the bench, i.e. on 7.08.19 in the Collectorate Office.
- The meeting was very essential as the volunteers had to be explained the entire process of how the complainant's complaint will be processed and presented before the bench. The volunteers had to be explained their part of the job in detail to ensure smooth execution of the main event.
- The volunteers were present not only from the NGOs but also from the government schools and child protection units.
- The volunteers were divided into group for registration, taking the complaint to the respective authority for their submission, presentation of the complaint before bench, and finally keeping the copies of the complaints and processing the final letters.
- The role of the volunteers on registration and presentation of the complaints were explained in detail as they had to note down all the complaints received, and had to translate the complaint from Telugu to English/Hindi.
- A mock drill was also conducted with the volunteers to physically explain them how the complainant will move from one counter to another.

INSPECTION FIELD VISITS

ANGANWADI

S.No.	Issue	Description
1.	No Separate Kitchen	In Anganwadi centre VTBC Colony, Vizianagaram, there was no separate kitchen. The cooking area where all the dry ration and gas stove was kept, was present in the same room,

		where the classes were being conducted. The segregation between the cooking area and teaching area was made with a piece of cloth. The Anganwadi guidelines provide for the kitchen area to be separate from the classrooms.
2.	Unavailability of Drinking Water	In Anganwadi centre VTBC Colony, Vizianagaram, there was no drinking water available. The team was told that the one municipal tap in the centre has not been providing water since 6 months. The Anganwadi workers told that they boil the water which they receive from the government tanker and use it for cooking and drinking purpose. The tanker too doesn't come regularly.
3.	Non Availability of Toilet	In Anganwadi ICDS Project Gantyada Mandal Ramavaram, Adjacent To The Zilla Parishad High School, there was no Toilet Facility.

SCHOOL VISIT

S.No.	Issue	Description
1.	No admission under the EWS Quota	In a private school in Vizianagaram, there was no existing reservation system being followed for the admission of Economically Weaker Section Category students.
2.	No fee regulatory Committee	In the same private school, there was no fee regulatory committee to manage the fees and fee hike. It was learned through interaction with the various school authorities and the district administration officials that the fee regulatory committee has not been managing the fees in private schools in Vizianagaram
3.	No training of staff and no drill and earthquake safety drills conducted	The staffs in the private school were not trained on the issues of child safety as per the NCPCR guidelines. On interaction with the students, it was learned that no fire drill or earthquake drill had taken place in the school, for the past 4 years.
4.	Lack of adequate infrastructure	In one government school in Ramavaram, there existed huge water logging and the main gates were not operational. There were many stray dogs present inside the premises.

HOSPITAL VISIT

S.No.	Issue	Description
1.	Gaps in Psychiatric Ward	In the Maharaja District Hospital, Vizianagaram there was no psychologist appointed. The counselling of the patients was done by a psychiatrist who lacked the essential qualifications. The nurses were not properly

		trained to attend to the needs of the patients. There was also no segregation of rooms for the patients of the psychiatric ward.
2.	No child rights awareness material present	As per the guidelines of NCPCR and Childline, information material such as in the form of posters, about Child-Line number, POCSO etc should be visibly displayed in the hospitals, but no such information material was displayed.

CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS

S.No.	Issue	Description
1.	No availability of toilet cleaners	The Commission visited Tribal Girls home, Maharani Peta, Vizianagaram to examine the facilities provided to the girls who were living there. Total number of 307 girls living in the hostel. The girls who were living in the hostel had no mattresses on their bed. The hostel had no day security guard. Toilets were dirty due to non-availability of a cleaner.
2.	No availability of drinking water	The commission visited Tribal welfare hostel/ Post Matric Girls hostel, Maharani Peta, Vizianagaram to examine the facilities provided to the girls who were living there. Total number of 340 girls living in the hostel. The girls who were living in the hostel had no beds to sleep they sleep on floor. The kitchen was in the same room where the girls were sleeping. Girls had to get clean water to drink from bore well water which was high in fluoride. Warden did not give sanitary napkins to the girls. CCTV camera was not in a working condition. No office room was available; No water filter or visitor register was maintained.

ON THE DAY OF CAMP

The bench started with the inauguration ceremony by Honourable Member NCPCR Dr. R.G. Anand and District Collector & Magistrate Dr. Hari Jawaharlal, IAS by lighting of the lamp along with Chairperson Andhra Pradesh SCPCR, Ms. G. Hymavathi, and Shri. Appa Rao, Member, Andhra Pradesh SCPCR. Subsequently, a press conference was held, chaired by the Member NCPCR, Dr. R.G. Anand and District Magistrate and Collector District Vizianagaram, Dr. Hari Jawaharlal IAS and Dr. R. G Anand explained about the purpose and process of how the child rights violation complaints would be addressed. The various questions of the press were also addressed. After the press conference, the Bench started.

COMPLAINTS

Nature-wise/Head-wise division of complaints

The same complaints were segregated based on six areas that come under section 3 of CPCRA Act, 2005. The highest number of cases, that is, 144 were registered under Health, 112 cases were registered under Education, 5 under Psychology and 44 under Juvenile Justice.

S.No.	Division	No. of complaints
1	Education	112
2	Health	144
3	JJ	44
4	Psychology	5
5	POCSO/ Inadmissible	3
	Total	308

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

Health

Health		
S.No.	Head	No. of complaints
1	Anganwadi centre	42
2	Disability pension/certificate	30
3	Treatment	10
4	Improper functioning of health centre	2
5	Birth Certificate	12
6	Water/Road/Sanitation	26
7	Mid Day Meal	1
8	Miscellaneous	21
	TOTAL	144

- Many complaints received pertained to disability certificate and disability pension. The children had no disability certificate. These children belonged to poor families and required access to disability pension.
- ICDS lacked proper infrastructure such as toilets, drinking water, compound wall, properly constructed building, and separate kitchen facility.
- There were complaints related to poor quality of food being provided in the school midday meals.
- There were complaints regarding ration card. The complaints regarding ration card were received by both the NGOs and the parents. Due to non-availability of ration card, the families were unable to provide food to their children.
- Some complaints pertained to medical treatment of children with disabilities.

- 1 complaint was regarding a child suffering from thalassemia. The child lives in a child care institution and require proper treatment.

Education

Education		
S.No.	Head	No. of complaints
	Scholarship	2
	Harassment	2
	Mid day meal	6
	Infrastructure	69
	Certificates	2
	Fee Hike	2
	Transport	9
	Neighborhood School	2
	Miscellaneous	18
	Total	112

- Many complaints pertained to infrastructural issues in the school such as depilated building, lack of toilet and drinking water facility were received.
- There were some complaints wherein the complainant demanded the timings of the private school be made similar to timings of the private school.
- 1 complaint pertained to excess workload in school.
- Some complaints pertained to high school fees.
- Many complaints were regarding how there is no proper road and bus facility for the children to school.
- Some parents submitted complaints regarding admission of their child with disabilities, in a special school.

Child Psychology

Psychology		
S.No.	Head	No. of complaints
1	Issuing disability certificate (Mental retardation)	4
2	Cases related to appointment of counsellor/setting up counselling facility	1
	TOTAL	5

- Only 4 complaints were received, related to psychology. The complaint was from an organisation National Education sub Committee. The complainant mentioned that despite of government guidelines, there are not enough number of psychologists and counsellors in the schools so there is a need for strict monitoring and implementation regarding the same. Children were not provided with disability certificate.

Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children)

Juvenile Justice		
S.No.	Head	No. of complaints
1	Sponsorship	25
2	Shelter Home	5
3	Adhar-Card	5
4	Financial assistance	3
5	Miscellaneous	6
	TOTAL	44

- Many complaints pertained to improper infrastructure and facilities in the hostels such as lack of sanitation, quality of food, lack of spacious rooms.
- Many complaints were received regarding the Aadhar card and caste certificate. Many orphans residing in the CCIs had no Aadhar card and caste certificate which was posing as a hurdle in availing the government benefits and getting admission in schools.
- There were 2 cases where the child had no parents and the parents weren't able to take care of the Child

POCSO

POCSO		
S.No.	Head	No. of complaints
1	Inadmissible	2
2	Compensation	1
	TOTAL	3

OUTCOME

The Bench was a success as not only did it receive 308 complaints of child rights violation but some major findings and action plans were also formulated. One such result of the bench was conducting a camp for disability and caste certificates. Through the nature of complaints, it was observed that many children with disability had no caste certificate which affected their educational and other government entitlements. Many children did not have a caste certificate which was also hindering in their way of attaining education and other state benefits, which were their right a citizen and child of India. The District Collector was made aware of these issues by the NCPCR team and also by the State Department Officials and it was decided that a special camp would be held in 2 days from the date of NCPCR Camp especially for children, to address the need of disability and caste certificates.

Special orders and drives were ensured and taken up by the District Administration to address the Health related issues and Scarcity of Drinking water in Schools and Anganwadis. On the day of the NCPCR Camp, Honourable Prime Minister's visionary scheme "**JAL SHAKTI ABHIYAN**" (Department of Drinking

water and Sanitation) was explained to children & live demonstration to the children of Vizianagaram District. NCPCR & District Administration through DM&DC demonstrated: (1). Water Conservation and Rainwater Harvesting and (2) Intensive A forestation. “A Jan Andolan for Water Conservation” was also initiated in the district.

CONCLUSION

The Camp successfully concluded by vote of thanks on behalf of NCPCR, extended by, Shri Paresh Shah, who expressed appreciation for Dr. Hari Jawaharlal, District Collector & District Magistrate and his team for putting their tireless efforts towards making the Commission’s Camp a success and strive towards upliftment of the state of children in the district. The Bench ended with a vote of thanks by the District Collector and Magistrate Dr. Hari Jawaharlal IAS, Chairperson Andhra Pradesh SCPCR Ms. G. Hymavathi, and Mr. Appa Rao, Member, Andhra Pradesh SCPCR.

ANNEXURE

Ngo list

S.No.	Name of NGO	Contact details
1.	NEED	08964-245336/ 9440252618 needvo@gmail.com
2.	Brighter Future Development Trust	9849195178 brighterfutureindia@gmail.com
3.	GLOBAL ABILITY IN DISABLITY GLOBAL AID	9052627070 sai.globalaid@gmail.com

NGOS PRESENT IN THE PLANNING MEETING BEFORE THE BENCH

S.No.	Name of the NGO
1.	Global Aid Home
2.	YMCA Tribal Boys Home
3.	NFHRC
4.	Child Rights Protection Forum
5.	Hoina
6.	Legal Cell District Procedure
7.	Courtney Swannn Matthew McCartney Charitable Trust
8.	Miriam Children Home
9.	Holy Cross Children's Home
10.	World Vision India
11.	The Leprosy Foundation
12.	Brighter Future Development
13.	Aim for Seva
14.	NEED
15.	Hand in Hand society
16.	Sunrise
17.	Ara Jyothi Charitable Trust
18.	ShishuGraha
19.	Hope Community Trust
20.	Pavitratma Nilayam
21.	New Hope
22.	Navjivan
23.	Loving Shepherd Orphan's Home
24.	Little Loves

S.No.	Name of the NGO
25.	Ujwala Welfare Society
26.	Para NGO
27.	E.D. NGO
28.	Nature NGO Childline
29.	Asha Kiran

ANNEXURE

DEPARTMENTS/OFFICIALS PRESENT ON THE DAY OF BENCH

S.No.	Official Present
1.	District Medical Health Officer
2.	Child Protection officer
3.	District Education Officer
4.	Executive Engineer -Public Health
5.	JJB Member
6.	D.S.O.
7.	ITDA
8.	D.V.E.O.
9.	Ppl Gov. Diet
10.	Municipal Commissioner
11.	P.D. DWMA
12.	Dist. Commissioner of Labour
13.	Dist. Probation Officer
14.	S.E. (R&B)
15.	P.D. Housing
16.	D.C.O. APSWREIS
17.	P.D. NCLP
18.	Dist. Panchayat Officer
19.	S.E. PR
20.	P.D. DROA
21.	D.M.W.O.

22.	DCHS
23.	Dist. Legal Services
24.	SI of Police
25.	Dist. Prog Coordinator-School Edu
26.	AP state Road Tourism
27.	RDO/SDM
28.	AO Collectorate
29.	DLSA Secretary
30.	PD ICDS
31.	Social Welfare
32.	SSA
33.	Chairperson CWC
34.	Member CWC
35.	SE/TPPRC
36.	Backward Class Welfare Superintendent
37.	RIO

ANNEXURE

MEDIA GALLERY



కన్నీటి గాథలు... వేదనాభరిత విశేషాలు...



వారంతా విడివడినవారు. వేదనాభరిత సమస్యలతో సతమతం అవుతున్న బాలలు. కానీ వారికి న్యాయం జరగడం లేదు. ఎన్నో రోజులూ అధికారుల చుట్టూ క్యాంప్ గా తిరుగుతున్నా... వారి కరణ కానరావడం లేదు. బాలల హక్కుల గురించి నిరంతరం ఉపన్యాసాలిచ్చే అధికారులే వారి హక్కుల్ని హరిస్తున్నారు. అలాంటివారి సమస్య పరిష్కారానికి ఓ మంచి వేదిక లభించింది. అనే వారితో బాలల హక్కుల పరిరక్షణ కమిషన్. జిల్లా కలెక్టరేట్లో ఆ కమిషన్ గురువారం నిర్వహించిన చివరి సమావేశానికి పెళ్ల ఎత్తున స్పందన లభించింది. ఎవరిని కదిపినా... కన్నీటి గాథలే. వేదనాభరిత విశేషాలే.

- ఏనన్నీటి అర్థ శబ్దంగానే వెళ్లువెత్తిన చివరలు
- నడదం సర్దిచెప్పకోసం పెళ్ల సర్కల్లో ఆర్డీలు
- స్వయంపంచ అధికారులతోపై పిర్యాదులు
- సామాజికంగా స్పందించిన కమిషన్
- ప్రతి సమస్యనూ పరిష్కరిస్తామని ఛరోసా...

విజయనగరం ఫోటో:
జిల్లాలో ఎంతోమంది బాలలు సమస్యలతో సతమతమవుతున్నారు. మానసిక సమస్యలు... దివ్యాంగ బాలలు... అయినవారి అదరణకు నోరు కోసవారు ఎంతోమంది ఉన్నారు. వారలలో గోడు చివరకు వారికి బాలల హక్కుల పరిరక్షణ కమిషన్ జిల్లాకు వచ్చింది. జిల్లా కలెక్టరేట్లోని అడిటోరియంలో చివరికి సీట్లందింది. వారిని దరి సమస్యలు తెలుసుకుని వారి పరిష్కారానికి కర్షణ చేపట్టింది. జిల్లా నలుమూలల నుంచి అడిగిన సమస్యల్లో వచ్చిన బాలలు దివ్యాదులు, చివరికి అయిన కమిషన్ సమస్యలను అందజేసింది. చివరకి అక్కడేగానూ నడదం గ్రూపులతో జిల్లావ్యాపానికి తోడ్పడుతున్నారని, చివరకు ముఖ్యంగా కావడం లేదని ఎక్కువగా పిర్యాదులు

పింఛన్ ఇప్పించాలని...
విజయనగరంలోని కొత్త ఆర్డీ కార్యాలయం లోని పింఛన్ ఇవ్వాలని పేరు వాసపల్లి భద్రాని. ఈమె వయసు 12 ఏళ్లు. పుట్టినప్పటి నుంచి నడవలేదు. మానసిక దివ్యాంగురాలు. ఈమెను తామ్మిట్లగా పింఛన్ ఇప్పించాలని తిరుగుతున్నా ఎవరూ పట్టించుకోలేదు. తనకు న్యాయం చేయాలని కమిషన్కు ఆర్డీ యిందింది.

సమస్యలపై కబళి చ్యారు

386 పిర్యాదులు...
విజయనగరం జిల్లాలోని 10 పిర్యాదులతో ప్రారంభమైన కబళి చ్యారు కార్యక్రమం 3 రోజులు జరిగింది. మొత్తంగా 386 పిర్యాదులు అందాయి. వీరిలో 300 పిర్యాదులను జిల్లావ్యాపాకి అప్పజేరుతున్నట్లు ప్రకటించారు. వారిని బాలల హక్కుల పరిరక్షణ కమిషన్ పరిష్కరిస్తుంది. మిగిలినవి సామాజిక సంస్థలకు అప్పజేరుతుంది.

కన్నీటి గాథలు... వేదనాభరిత విశేషాలు...

బాలల సమస్యలకు జిల్లా పరిష్కారం
ఏనన్నీటి అర్థ సమస్యలతో సతమతం అవుతున్న బాలలు. కానీ వారికి న్యాయం జరగడం లేదు. ఎన్నో రోజులూ అధికారుల చుట్టూ క్యాంప్ గా తిరుగుతున్నా... వారి కరణ కానరావడం లేదు. బాలల హక్కుల గురించి నిరంతరం ఉపన్యాసాలిచ్చే అధికారులే వారి హక్కుల్ని హరిస్తున్నారు. అలాంటివారి సమస్య పరిష్కారానికి ఓ మంచి వేదిక లభించింది. అనే వారితో బాలల హక్కుల పరిరక్షణ కమిషన్. జిల్లా కలెక్టరేట్లో ఆ కమిషన్ గురువారం నిర్వహించిన చివరి సమావేశానికి పెళ్ల ఎత్తున స్పందన లభించింది. ఎవరిని కదిపినా... కన్నీటి గాథలే. వేదనాభరిత విశేషాలే.

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సమస్యలతో బాలల హక్కుల పరిరక్షణ కమిషన్ సమావేశం

విజయనగరం ఫోటో:
జిల్లాలో ఎంతోమంది బాలలు సమస్యలతో సతమతమవుతున్నారు. మానసిక సమస్యలు... దివ్యాంగ బాలలు... అయినవారి అదరణకు నోరు కోసవారు ఎంతోమంది ఉన్నారు. వారలలో గోడు చివరకు వారికి బాలల హక్కుల పరిరక్షణ కమిషన్ జిల్లాకు వచ్చింది. జిల్లా కలెక్టరేట్లోని అడిటోరియంలో చివరికి సీట్లందింది. వారిని దరి సమస్యలు తెలుసుకుని వారి పరిష్కారానికి కర్షణ చేపట్టింది. జిల్లా నలుమూలల నుంచి అడిగిన సమస్యల్లో వచ్చిన బాలలు దివ్యాదులు, చివరికి అయిన కమిషన్ సమస్యలను అందజేసింది. చివరకి అక్కడేగానూ నడదం గ్రూపులతో జిల్లావ్యాపానికి తోడ్పడుతున్నారని, చివరకు ముఖ్యంగా కావడం లేదని ఎక్కువగా పిర్యాదులు

వారం, పది రోజులల్లో పరిష్కారం

ఏనన్నీటి అర్థ సమస్యలతో సతమతం అవుతున్న బాలలు. కానీ వారికి న్యాయం జరగడం లేదు. ఎన్నో రోజులూ అధికారుల చుట్టూ క్యాంప్ గా తిరుగుతున్నా... వారి కరణ కానరావడం లేదు. బాలల హక్కుల గురించి నిరంతరం ఉపన్యాసాలిచ్చే అధికారులే వారి హక్కుల్ని హరిస్తున్నారు. అలాంటివారి సమస్య పరిష్కారానికి ఓ మంచి వేదిక లభించింది. అనే వారితో బాలల హక్కుల పరిరక్షణ కమిషన్. జిల్లా కలెక్టరేట్లో ఆ కమిషన్ గురువారం నిర్వహించిన చివరి సమావేశానికి పెళ్ల ఎత్తున స్పందన లభించింది. ఎవరిని కదిపినా... కన్నీటి గాథలే. వేదనాభరిత విశేషాలే.

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Panel expresses concern over violation of child rights

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NCPCR member receives petitions

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NCPCR gets 326 representations

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In order to cover complaints from all districts, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has organised its 16th camp on Thursday at Vizianagaram.

NCPCR member R.G. Anand directly heard the grievances.

As many as 326 representations were received including *suo motu cognizance* taken by the commission along with the suggestions made by individual persons and NGOs.

On the spot redressal of grievances was undertaken and directions were passed in 157 cases.

Time was given to district officials in more than 100 cases.

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On the occasion, the school-going children planted 200 saplings and created awareness on rain water harvesting.

Andhra Pradesh SCPCR chairperson Ganta Hymavathi, district collector Hari Jawaharial, joint collector Vinod Kumar and assistant collector Paresh Shah were present in the event.

All stakeholders and district officials were also present in the camp.

Child rights panel receives 326 plaints

HANS NEWS SERVICE

Vizianagaram: National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) member Dr R.G. Anand, Andhra Pradesh SCPCR Hymavathi and Collector Dr Hari Jawaharial participated in a camp organised at Collectorate on Thursday to redress the grievances of children. In total, 326 representations were received by the commission and suggestions made by individual persons and NGOs. Several children had come with their issues in front of the NCPCR camp for redressal. In the camp, directions were passed in 157 cases.

Issues related to education, infrastructure, ICDS related issues such as function of toilets, RO purifiers and water problem in anganwadi centers were taken up.

In the camp, stalls from different concerned departments and NGOs working for children and their rights were put up.

Later R.G. Anand said, "We are



Member of NCPCR R.G. Anand, Collector Dr Hari Jawaharial and others arriving in to participate in an awareness programme on child rights in Vizianagaram on Thursday

planning to conduct such camps in 727 districts in the nation and in first phase, the camps will be conducted in 115 districts to hear the grievances of children. The first camp in Andhra Pradesh was held at Visakhapatnam on August 1 and the second on is in Vizianagaram. We have received around 3,000 com-

plaints from 10 states and most complaints are regarding the violation of right to education and we have intervened in those cases and made the justice. The accused are jailed too. The commission would consider the violation of child rights seriously and the offenders would be punished severely."



