



Working Draft

CAMP/BENCH REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

The National Commission conducted its Camp/Bench on 22.11.2019 at Sadbhavana Sabha Gruha of Collectorate, Kalahandi. The bench began with Dr. R. G. Anand, Honorable member addressed the press and media officials. Dr. R. G. Anand explained the aim of conducting Camps / Bench in the Aspirational districts of the country by the Commission. Dr. Anand briefed the purpose and objectives of holding this camp and on the spot solution of the grievances. He further highlighted that, it was the 40th Camp organized nationwide and appreciated the efforts of the District Administration and DCPU for releasing the Information Education Communication material on issue of substance use among children and mentioned how it is a unique and perhaps first such initiative in Odisha.



MEETING WITH NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS (NGO)

The National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights conducted an NGO Consultation meet on 20.11.2019. The meeting was organized at District Collectorate Office in Kalahandi. The NCPCR team along with the Assistant District Magistrate chaired the consultation meet. During the meeting, the NCPCR team informed the NGO's about the objective and purpose of conducting a national bench 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. The Commission asked the NGO's to bring complaint grid or complainants highlighting the child right violation from their district on the day of the sitting of National Bench.

Highlights from the NGO Meeting:

- The NGO officials seemed actively involved about the Commission's Camp.
- Some NGOs had come with well documented complaints for submission.

- The Kalahandi Child line NGO DAPTA was present in the meeting.
- The NGOs discussed all their doubts regarding the execution of the camp.
- The NGO officials were given some complaints to document formally to make them aware about the process of registration and documentation.
- The officials were explained about the broad categories under which a child rights violation shall registered.
- The NGOs briefed the organisation with the common child rights issues which were mainly related to education and health.
- A total of 66 members from various following NGOs attended the meeting.

INSPECTION VISITS 20.09.2019

ANGANWADI CENTRES

Shaktinagar Para AWC

- There was no washroom.
- The centre had all the educational material and aids displayed.
- All registers were maintained.

Masigaon Majhipara AWC, Kesinga Block

- There was no washroom.
- Register for the adolescent girls meeting was not maintained.
- This centre was being run temporarily in a community hall. The residents informed that the new AWC was being built.

Nasigaon AWC

- There was no provision of electricity on the day of visit. The team was informed that the electricity connection will be established soon in association with Vedanta CSR.
- It was found that there was no stored food ration. On inquiring with the worker, it came out that the food is stored by the worker in her own house due to prevalence of rats in the AWC.
- There were no washrooms. All registers were maintained

HOSPITALS

District Hospital Kalahandi,

- A visit was made to the District Hospital. The hospital had entirely separate mother and child care building which was very well maintained.

- The NRC, Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre was well maintained and there was display of all essential IEC material on nutrition and breastfeeding.

SCHOOLS

Talkanta Banji Primary School

- The total strength of school was of 26 students and total 3 teachers. During the visit, 1 teacher was absent so the classroom was without teacher. Other teachers had to manage both classes turn by turn.
- Students of class 1, 2 and 3 sit together as their class wise strength was very less to create a separate class for each grade.

Police Upper Primary School Bhawani patna

- Total student strength was 101 and total teachers were 2 in the school.
- The teachers communicated that there was a need for another teacher.
- The principle complained that a structure was build just adjacent to the school main building few years ago to create additional classrooms but the structure stands there with incomplete construction and has become a hub of anti- social activities which could pose as a threat to the safety of the children.
- The total student strength was 74 and teachers were 4.

Manikeshwari high school

- Many classrooms had pan/spitting stains and it requires proper cleaning.
- There was no IEC material displayed on the corridors and inside the classrooms as well.

Town govt. High school

- There Anganwadi building and school building was located on the same ground. A teacher had complained that for the activities on the AWC, the main gate of the ground remains open the entire day which poses threat for the students.

Govt. SSD High School, Pastikudi Village, K singa Block

- The student-teacher ratio was not maintained.
- There were insufficient numbers of classrooms.
- No medial/sick room was available.
- There were insufficient numbers of toilets. There were total 2 toilets for 578 children.

- No mattresses and almirahs were available. There were insufficient numbers of beds.

CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS

Nehru Seva Sangh Adoption

- There were no proper almirahs to keep belongings.
- Food was not being given as per the decided menu.
- There were insufficient numbers of beds.
- The toilets were also insufficient in number and were dirty which required material such as buckets, mugs etc.
- There was no proper medical /sick room.

Bal Gopal Seva Niketan

- There were no proper almirahs to keep belongings.
- There were no railings on the staircase.
- There were no proper mattresses present.

Bench Proceedings:

The Camp was held on 22.11.2019 at Sadbhavana Sabha Gruha of Collectorate, Kalahandi. Honorable Member, NCPCR Dr. R.G. Anand and other members of the Bench reached the venue and attended the plantation programme at the entrance of Collectorate Building. The guests were received with a grand welcome by Local Cultural Troupes- “Ghumura of Bal Gopal Seva Niketan, Balgopal Ashram of Bhawanipatna” and flag march by Student NCC Cadets of B.M. High School, Bhawani patna. Dr. R .G. Anand paid visit to various stalls which were set up by various departments. The bench began with Dr. R. G. Anand addressing the press and media officials. He explained the aim of the Camp / Bench being organised by NCPCR in the Aspirational districts of the country. He further briefed the purpose and objectives of holding this camp and on the spot solution of the grievances. He appreciated the efforts of the District Administration and DCPU for releasing the Information Education Communication material on issue of substance use among children and mentioned how it is a unique and perhaps first such initiative in Odisha.

Honorable Member NCPCR, Dr. R. G. Anand inaugurated the Camp by lighting the lamp. President, Zilla Parisad, Kalahandi, Collector and DM, Kalahandi, SP Kalahandi were present on the dais along with all members of OSCPCR. At the outset, DCPO, Kalahandi extended a warm welcome to Honorable Member of NCPCR and Members of OSCPCR for holding this camp in Kalahandi. Dr. Anand addressed the officers

highlighting the specific roles and responsibility of different officers and the grievance redressal mechanism.

The Commission received 826 complaints on the bench/camp. The details of the complaints received on the day of the bench/camp are given below:-

S.No.	Division	No. of complaints
1	Education	139
2	Health	297
3	POCSO	2
4	JJ	379
5	Psychology	0
6	Child Labour	9
	TOTAL	826

Note: The data presented in the report is the initial data as on the day of the Camp/ Bench.

The same complaints were segregated based on six areas that come under section 3 of CPCR Act, 2005. The highest number of cases, that is, 379 under Juvenile Justice, 297 were registered under Child health, 139 cases under Education, 09 cases under Child Labour & 02 complaints under POCSO.

Education

Education		
S.No.	Head	No. of complaints
1	Scholarship	1
2	Admission	21
3	Infrastructure	75
4	Transport	1
5	Unavailability of books, uniforms etc.	1
6	Lack of teachers	6
7	Absence of neighbourhood school	7
8	Safety	1
9	Miscellaneous	26
	TOTAL	139

Major Issues in Education complaints:

- School infrastructure related complaints were maximum in number. Many schools lacked proper toilets and classrooms. The buildings were not in good condition.
- Many complainants sought financial assistance to get their children admitted in the schools.
- There were also complaints related to up gradation of school and requirement of

new schools in certain areas.

Health

Health		
S.No.	Head	No. of complaints
1	Anganwadi centre	95
2	Disability pension/certificate	53
3	Disability pension and treatment	2
4	Treatment	33
5	Financial assistance for treatment	97
6	Improper functioning of health centre	1
7	Birth Certificate	1
8	Miscellaneous	15
	TOTAL	297

Major issues in Health Complaints:

- Maximum number of complaints pertained to issue of disability or required disability pension or some did not even possess a disability certificate. Many cases of physical and mental disabilities were received.
- Poor infrastructure of Anganwadi was also complained by many.
- Complaints pertaining to requirement of treatment were received.

Juvenile Justice

Juvenile Justice		
S.No.	Head	No. of complaints
	Financial Assistance	70
	Sponsorship	160
	Adhar Card	40
	Shelter Home	30
	Hostel	10
	Missing	3
	Ration Card	40
	Childline Centre	5
	Inadmissible	3
	Others	13
	TOTAL	374

- Majority of the JJ Complaints pertained to cases seeking sponsorship.
- Many Complaints were related to ration card and adhar card.

POCSO

POCSO		
S.No.	Head	No. of

		complaints
1	Sexual assault	2
	TOTAL	2

- Both the complaints pertaining to POCSO were concerning penetrative sexual assault and one of the girls was pregnant.

Child Labour

Child Labour		
S.No.	Head	No. of complaints
1	Compensation	9
	TOTAL	3

Conclusion:

The camp was a success. There were some NGOs who presented the complaints a day before the camp itself. The NCPCR team received around 170 complaints one day before only. During inspection to schools and anganwadi centres, pamphlets in the local language could be seen pasted on the walls, thereby indicating that the good publicity had been conducted. The Commission received full support from the District officials, District Collector and Designated Nodal Officer Mr. Sri Sarat Chandra Srichandan, Additional District Magistrate. The District Child Development Project Officer personally supervised the overall coordination and provided every kind of necessary assistance. The volunteers deputed from the District Administration who was employees of the government schools and the District Administration was also very supportive. The NGOs too played an active part. The District officials helped the NCPCR team, providing support not only from the district office but engaging volunteers from organizations, engaging media for publicity after the Camp was conducted. There were complaints which were registered but could not be heard by the Camp because of the dearth of time. Thus, NCPCR would monitor the progress of the cases submitted by the NGO's from the head office.

In the end, the press briefing was organized by the District administration for the Honorable Member Dr. R.G. Anand to address the media about the objective of the camp and how many cases were received, the nature of complaints and how many complaints were given on the spot solution.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The district administration should conduct periodic disability check ups and camps so that the children with disability can be provided with disability certificate.
- The Anganwadis had good attendance and good IEC materials and the food too was cooked in a separate area but none of the AWCs visited had the facility of toilet. Therefore, toilets should be constructed in the Anganwadis.
- Few Child Care Institutions visited did not have proper bathrooms for the children to use. Adolescent children were said to have bath in the open. Proper toilets and bathrooms should be constructed in all the hostels.

ANNEXURES

List of NGO's

S.No.	Name of NGO	Contact details
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3	Maa Chandra Kala Trust	7978745226 maachandrakalatrust@gmail.com

Pictures of the Camp

