

Press Note

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**National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)
New Delhi**

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has taken suo motto cognizance of the news item appeared in the Hindu dated 1st May 2009 and other leading newspapers on injury caused to a boy, Ravindra, trapped under the rubble on collapse of a bridge under construction on the outskirts of Kurnool town in Andhra Pradesh. The Commission has asked the Chief Secretary, Andhra Pradesh to investigate/inquire into the matter and send a factual report to the Commission which indicate inter-alia information on the following points:-

1. Whether it is a fact that children were found working in the project even though engagement of children in road/bridge construction is against the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act?
2. What action is proposed to be taken against the construction companies/various agencies responsible for engagement of child labourer in violation of legal provisions?
3. Whether proper treatment is being provided to the victim child and who is bearing the cost of treatment and the action taken/proposed to be taken to rehabilitate the victim and other children found working in this project? and
4. What action is proposed to be taken to avoid the engagement of children in such hazardous projects under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act?

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