



**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

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**TOUR REPORT By**

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**I. Overview:**

PLACE OF VISIT	SURAT, 5 6 & 7 Jan 2011
PURPOSE OF VISIT	Child Labor issues in Various Industries in Surat, India.
VISIT BY	Dr Yogesh Dube

**A. Background:**

Surat is one of the industrial Hubs mainly having Textile, Cloths Dying industry, Printing, Diamond polishing Industry.

To attend meetings of various Trade Unions & Child Welfare organizations.

**B. PEOPLE ATTENDED THE VARIOUS MEETINGS**

Person	People attended the meeting		
	Central Officials	Name	Designations
		Dr Yogesh Dube	Member, NCPCR
	State Officials	Name	Designations
		K. S. Gill	Dy. Com Labor
		K. G. Shah	Asst. Com Labor
		Dipali Soni	Project DIR NCLP
		U. B Acharya	Dy. Sup.
		Ms P. G. Trivedi	District Social officer

**C. INSPECTION, OBSERVATIONS & SUGGESTIONS**

Focus on the Identification of Child Labor, identification of the Child Labor problem area in the Industry  
Such as

- Zardosi (Embroidery, Silk Industry)
- Diamond cutting and polishing,
- Dying & textile Industry

Meeting with the organization s working mainly in the field of child labor and child abuse in various industries.

Some of the observations made during visit of Surat.:

**VISIT- ONE**

**Date:** 05<sup>th</sup> January, 2011

**Name of the Organization/Locations:** Bharatiya Yuva Uthan Samiti, Textile Labor union, Shramjivi Sevalaya

**Meeting people:**

NGO's & other organizations primarily working for the Welfare of children.  
Trade Union Leaders of Various Industries

**Discussion & Observations:**

All NGO's & Child welfare organization has highlighted the issues of Various Industry. They have highlighted that children are coming primarily from the various part of North & East India such as State of UP, Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal & other places.

According to them approximately 50000 children are involved in various industries such as Textile, Zardosi Industry, Diamond cutting and polishing, Dying Embroidery, artificial Silk Industry.

All these industries are Health Hazardous leading to many medical ailments such as Tuberculosis, Malnutrition & skin ailments.

These Union and other Civil Societies confirmed that State Government officials are failed to address the grass root problems of Child Labor.

**On this occasion, I am of the view** that Child Labor is stigma in India and all the people should take it very seriously for removal of child labour from our country . Drainage of Childs from the Specific part of India was also highlighted by him. He has also highlighted the work and laws of NCPCR & also stressed upon future contributions from the NCPCR.

He has directed to all trade union leader to monitor closely to avoid the Child Labor. Directive shall be given by the each union organization to their member to avoid and highlight if any Child Labor is identified. Suitable corrective directives measure to the state officials.

**Date:** 06<sup>th</sup> January, 2011

**VISIT TWO – PLACE ONE**

**Name of the Organization/Locations:** The Surat Child Welfare Society and District probation and after care association

It is observed that child welfare programme monitoring has been done appropriately.

**VISIT TWO – PLACE TWO**

**Date:** 06<sup>th</sup> January, 2011

**Name of the Organization/Locations:** Children Home V.R. Popawala (Juvenile Home for Boys)

**Discussion & Observation:**

All the Childs in Home are not having uniforms & Winter Sweaters.  
Condition of the Building and premises in not worthy for the Childs

**Suggestion/Feedback:**

Suitable direction has been given to the state officials.

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**VISIT TWO – PLACE THREE**

**Date:** 06<sup>th</sup> January, 2011

During my visit to one of places I suddenly observed places adjacent to the visited place **C-45/D-145 Ashram Katargaon, Surat** identify the Child Labors. I myself caught, red handed group of Childs working for the Jardoshi/ Embroidery business. Two Childs from Orissa which are aging less than 15 yrs and working for the 2-3 yrs for the organizational . They were getting Rs 3500/- on monthly basis. Personally involved in rescuing both the Childs and handed over to state child welfare officials for suitable actions of rehabilitation of the Child.

Owner of the organization has been caught red handed and directive to the state officials issued for suitable actions.

I also visited Momnawadi, Opp. Parag apartments, place where rescue operation was done previously.

**VISIT TWO – PLACE FOUR**

**Date:** 06<sup>th</sup> January, 2011

**Name of the Organization/Locations:** Nari Sarkshan Grih State Home for Women Gujarat, Ghodhdhod Road, Surat

They are having many self empowerment programmes running in the organization. They are having Computer classes and Special fine Embroidery programme which is helping in self dependent of the girls/Women.

Points of Encouragement and work on the continuous empowerment of the women is discussed and communicated.

**Important Observation:**

I have been informed that child labor and abuse in some of areas such as Millennium Market, Abhishek market, Shiv Shakti Market & Maha veer Market near to Ring Road and in various industry such as Hotel Industry Jardoshi and Railway stations.

**CONCLUSIONS:**

It is observed that all the Children which are rescued from operations are coming back to the stream of Child Labor as they are getting good payments especially in Jardoshi Industries.

We need to initiate the programme of welfare of parents of Childs to eradicate the root problem.

Our main motto to remove the Child labor shall be effective, if rehabilitation programmes strengthen further.

We need to give the proper economical/financial assistance to the family to address the issues.

State Government of Gujarat should initiate the **multifaceted aid assistance programme** which should have rehabilitation, Monitoring and financial assistance programme.