



National Commission for Protection of Child Rights

Report on Visit to Ramnagar Boys Protection Home, Varanasi-14th May, 2018



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INTRODUCTION

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), was constituted by Government of India, as a statutory body under section 3 of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 (No.4 of 2006) for dealing with protection of rights and entitlements of children and related matters.

As per CPCR Act 2005 one of the main functions of the Commission is to inquire into violations of child rights and recommend initiation of proceedings in such cases;

- (i) Inspect or cause to be inspected any juvenile custodial home, or any other place of residence or institution meant for children, under the control of Central Government or any State Government or any other authority, including any institution run by social organization; where children are detained or lodged for the purpose of treatment, reformation or protection and take up with these authorities for remedial action, if found necessary;

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE VISIT

NCPCR in collaboration with District protection officer under the department of ICDS organized a Poshan Mela in Arajiline Block of Varanasi to address and combat the issue of malnutrition. **Smt.Rupa Kapoor, Member NCPCR** along with her team went to Varanasi for the Poshan Mela. Protection of Children with child friendly mechanism is one of the focussed objectives of NCPCR. In regard to this **Smt. Rupa Kapoor, Member, NCPCR with her team and Smt. Nirupama from ICPS department** went for a follow up visit to Ramnagar Protection homes for boys in Varanasi on May 14th, 2018.

The objective of the Visit was to

- Understand the overall functioning of the protection home
- To check the overall positive social, psychological development of the boys in the protection home.
- To monitor the services provided to the children in the protection home

A total of 49 boys were present in the protection home under the supervision of managing authority. The boys greeted the member and took them to a room where others children were waiting for the team. The team observed that in some of the room the classes were going on. Member and team had a separate discussion with some of the children and authorities. The boys were happy with the staff attitudes and facilities of the protection home. They shared the need for computer classes. The finding from the visit is given below

TEAM COMPOSITION

- Smt.Rupa Kapoor, Member, NCPCR
- Smt.Shaishta Khan, STE, NCPCR
- Ms.Zohra Zaman, CL, NCPCR
- Smt.Nirupama, ICPS ‘

FINDINGS

Infrastructure: There was an improvement in the physical condition of the infrastructure in the protection home. The home was neat and tidy and the walls were painted. The beds were adequate for the number of children.

Food: The food facility in the protection home was fine. The children were getting clean balanced healthy diets with fruits vegetables and protein-based non vegetarian food and milk on the concern days. The kitchen of the shelter home was neat and clean. The team found that the food cooked there was fresh. Food was served timely and the children expressed their happiness over the food facility provided by the home.

Class Room Facility: The classroom facility also seems improved. In some of the room, the classes were going on. The teachers were present in the class and they were teaching the student. The kids expressed their interest in learning computer and they suggested that there should be a provision of the computer class. The staff managing the center shared that in few months they will be giving smart classes and the computer training facility to the boys with support from CSR Initiatives of BOI.

The authorities also shared that they are in contact with St. Francis school were they are aiming to get some of the boys admitted for education free of cost

Recreation Facility: There was a provision for outdoor games and music system for the recreation of children

CULTURAL PROGRAM

Dance by Children from Ramnagar Boys Home—A heart-warming cultural dance play was performed by Ramnagar Protection home Boys belonging to the age group 11-17 years in the Poshan Mela organised at Arajiline Block to address the issue of malnutrition a joint Collaboration ICDS department and NCPCR .



The cultural dance reflected the condition of a child who is separated from their parents and is mistreated at the hand of the community. The cultural dance awakened the sentiments of the audience.

The Boys of the Ramnagar Protection home are very active and are bright students. They have immense talents and are working hard to rebuild themselves.

Seeing the positive overall development the Commission has recommended to set this home as a Model home under Government.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The physical infrastructure in terms of walls of the shelter home needs to be more interactive and full of life which will be possible through the collaborative efforts of the boys in the protection home. The boys should be motivated to do wall paintings.
- As the staff numbers are less and few designations are vacant. Such designation needs to be filled as soon as the possible.
- There should be a provision for computer classes and vocational training classes as per the interest of the child which will help the child to become self-reliant.
- Bright students should be supported through scholarship.
- The Bal Sabha meeting is held every month. The Register of the meeting should be kept with the boys.

- The boys should be given a routine life their task should be divided so that everyone can contribute.
- Counseling of the child should be done on a regular basis . The position of a psychologist is vacant .It was recommended that the post should be filled or completed asap.
- Mentally ill children should be properly taken care of with the help of counselor and Psychologist and proper medical aid
- The provision of providing aftercare facility for the boys above 18 years should be made through continuous Vocational training.

It is to be noted that Smt. Rupa Kapoor, Member, NCPCR had visited Ramnagar Boys Home previously, and several recommendation given had been followed by the authorities and a much improved home was observed However the recommendations needed to be implemented and Ramnagar Boys home needs to be set up as a Model home under the Government .

PICTURE GALLERY



