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Dear *Sir,*

On behalf of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), we wish to thank the Government of Meghalaya for all the arrangements made during the visit of NCPCR team led by Dr. Yogesh Dube (Member), accompanied by a Senior Consultant, Dr. Ramanath Nayak to the State from 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

2. The team had a meeting with the Chief Secretary and representatives from various Departments (Social Welfare, Education, Labour, Mining and Police among others). The team also met the Director, Social Welfare and his team separately; visited Meghalaya Hindu Mission Orphanage to inquiry into a complain of child abuse and interacted with the representatives of civil society organizations.

3. The visiting team was highly discontented over the dismal condition of child labours in the coal mines areas as well as widespread prevalence of child labours in other sectors like hotels, restaurants and market places. They were also shocked to learn about the pathetic situation of the street, disable and HIV/AIDS affected children in the State. The Commission expresses its displeasure over the status of child labours in the State and directs the respective departments/authorities to initiate immediate action on the issues and concerns listed below in order to ensure the rights and entitlements of the children:

**Education:**

- (i) The Department shall ensure mapping of the schools and survey of the out-of-school children in the State within 3 months and report to the Commission;
- (ii) Undertake mapping of schools in the coalmine and coal depot areas of Lad-Rymbai and Rymbai in Jaintia Hills district and may consider the relocation of schools;
- (iii) The Annual Work Plan under SSA must take into account the gaps in terms of primary school, secondary school etc. in the coal mines areas;
- (iv) Popularize the RTE Act and Rules and ensure adequate infrastructure at the earliest in compliance with the norms of the Act and Rules;
- (v) Ensure the constitution of school management committees (SMCs) and the orientation/training of the members;
- (vi) Ensure that all children in the age group of 3-6 are mainstreamed to Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) facilities, children of 6-14 years of age effectively realize their Right to Education (RTE);
- (vii) To achieve the goal ensure assessment of the educational status/learning level and further needs, admission to age appropriate class, provision of

