Minutes of the 30th Statutory Meeting of the Commission held on 26th October, 2016 in the Conference Room (5th floor), of NCPCR

The 30th Statutory Meeting of the Commission was held on 26.10.2016 in the Conference Room of NCPCR. The following were present:

1. Ms. Stuti Kacker, Chairperson.
2. Ms. Rupa Kapoor, Member.
3. Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Member
4. Shri Yashwant Jain, Member
5. Smt. Preeti Srivastava, Member Secretory
6. Shri Baldev Raj, Consultant [Coord. & Estt.]
7. Shri G. Suresh, Assistant Director
8. Shri Santosh Kumar Pal, Accounts Officer
9. Shri A.K. Nanda, Sr. Consultant (Prog.)
10. Shri Hariom Bhardwaj, Consultant (IT)

The meeting commenced with a welcome note and brief introductory remarks by the Chairperson.

Confirmation of the Minutes of 29th Statutory Meeting of the Commission held on 10.02.2016.

The Chairperson informed that the Minutes of the 29th Statutory Meeting were treated as confirmed as no comments received.

Action Taken Reports on the decisions taken in the 28th & 29th Statutory Meetings

The Chairperson informed that the ATRs of the 28th & 29th Statutory Meetings of the Commission will be reviewed by her later.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. AGENDA ITEMS PROPOSED BY MEMBER (CHILD LABOUR / JJ) –
SHRI YASHWANT JAIN

Agenda 1: Approved Guidelines for sponsoring research study on matters relating to Juvenile Justice and the POCSO Act.

Member (YJ) informed the Commission that at present there are no guidelines for grant of financial assistance for the purpose of research/studies, seminars/ conferences/ workshops/ public hearings/ legal awareness programmes in the NCPCR. He stressed the need to formulate such guidelines by the Commission based on the guidelines already prepared and approved by the National Commission for Women.

Decision: It was decided that draft guidelines for sponsoring research studies including matters concerning collaboration with NGOs, surveys, data analysis etc. will be prepared within two months. These guidelines may be considered for approval/ratification in the next statutory meeting of the Commission.

[Action – Sr. Consultant (Prog.)]
Agenda 2: Conduct of National Seminar on ‘Protection of children from Online Sexual Abuse’.

Member (YJ) stated that based on the discussions held in the National Conference on Implementation of POCSO Act, 2012 on 14th January 2016, NCPCR decided to undertake the following activities:

(i) Setting up a National Resource Centre on POCSO Act for monitoring, dissemination, collection of experiences & information of best practices for prevention & rehabilitation of victims and their families;
(ii) Setting up of a small group for designing an IT based module for better implementation of the Act;
(iii) Also small group for scanning of internet sites with inappropriate contents and educating children on use of internet/social media;
(iv) Development of a tool kit on POCSO Act, 2012 for better understanding of the Act by various stakeholders;
(v) Setting up of a Counselling Centre for victims and families; and
(vi) Providing comprehensive medical care on the lines mentioned in Karnataka PPT.

He, therefore, proposed to conduct National Workshop on ‘Protection of Children from Online Sexual Abuse’.

Decision: It was decided that this agenda item should be read as “Child Online Safety”. It was noted that in consultation with UNICEF, status paper in this regard has already been prepared. Further, Action to be taken in this regard is as follows:

- Concept Paper needs to be prepared on the strategy to be adopted.
- Round table conference be arranged with MHA, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, NGOs and other stakeholders.
- National Workshop on ‘Child Online Safety’ would be held sometime in December 2016.

[Action- Advisor / Sr. Consultant (POCSO/JJ)]


Member (YJ) stated that the NCPCR shall in addition to the functions assigned to it under the CPCR Act, 2005, perform the following functions for implementation of the provisions of the POCSO Act, 2012:

(i) Designation of Special Court by State Governments;
(ii) Appointment of Public Prosecutors by State Government;
(iii) Formulation of the guidelines described in Section 39 of the POCSO Act by the State Government;
(iv) Designing and implementation of modules for training of Police personnel and other concerned persons;
(v) Support the Central and State Governments for dissemination of information relating to the provisions of the Act through media.

Decision: It was decided that video conferencing with State Governments on POCSO / JJ will be held under the Chairmanship of Member(YJ) every two months.

[Action- Advisor / Sr. Consultant (POCSO/JJ)]
Agenda 4:  Review of Status of Complaints in NCPCR.

This item was withdrawn by Member (YJ).

Agenda 5:  Preparing and circulating Do's and Don't as guidelines for safe use of internet/mobiles by children in Hindi and English.

Decision: As this issue is covered under Agenda Item No.2, it was decided to club it with that item.

Agenda 6:  Printing User Handbook for implementation of POCSO Act and translating it into Hindi and printing for circulating.

Decision: It was noted that printing / release of User Handbook is held up as the same is under examination of MWCD. It was decided to follow up this matter with MWCD.

[Action- Advisor / Sr. Consultant (POCSO/JJ)]

Agenda 7:  Development of tools for proper counselling of the Victim under the POCSO Act, 2012.

Member (YJ) proposed that being a monitoring agency for implementation of provisions of the POCSO Act, 2012, the Commission may develop tools for proper counselling of the victims under the POCSO Act.

Decision: It was decided that a handbook (bilingual), be prepared for different stakeholders.

[Action- Advisor / Sr. Consultant (POCSO/JJ)]

Agenda 8:  Translating and printing of Books/IEC materials in Hindi and English to generate awareness amongst children regarding prevention of Child Sexual Abuse.

This item was withdrawn by Member (YJ).

Agenda 9:  Status of Tihar Jail by Panel Members of NCPCR (Court on its own motion Vs. Department of Women and Child Development).

Member (YJ) informed that In pursuance of directions of the Hon’ble Delhi High Court in the matter of 'Court on its Own Motion Vs Department of Women and Child Development & Ors, W.P. (C) No.8889/2011', NCPCR Panel Members have made 32 visits to various Jails in Delhi till November 2015 to find out if there are any persons lodged in jails who should have been the beneficiaries of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000. The reports have been sent to Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSL SA).

In pursuance of the above orders, the NCPCR Team consisting panel of Members visited Tihar and Rohini Jails of Delhi seven times during the year 2015-16 to identify juvenile wrongly confined in these Jails and to take suitable measures.

Member (YJ) has also informed that NCPCR has sent a D.O. letter to all Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories on 29.10.2015 to review the position in their State constituting Panel of Lawyers and Eminent Social Activists to inspect Central/District Jails to identify the probable juveniles lodged therein. They have been requested that based on the recommendation of such Panel of Experts, the cases of probable juveniles may be examined/verified from the available records/and or through medical test by the competent authority as per procedure prescribed under the Juvenile Justice Act. States/UTs have also been requested to send a quarterly report to NCPCR about the outcome of such inspection of Central/District Jails. Reports from them are still awaited.
Decision: This was noted by the Commission. It was decided to follow up with the States through video conferencing.

Agenda 10: Conduct of study on ‘Combating Child Trafficking’ in the States.

A meeting of Heads of State CID Units and Nodal Officers of Anti-Human Trafficking Units of the States was held in Bureau of Police Research and Development, Ministry of Home Affairs on 4.2.2015 to discuss various issues relating to ‘Combating Child Trafficking in India’. The meeting was chaired by Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), Government of India. In pursuance of the discussions made in the above meeting, proposals were received from Jharkhand Police, Odisha Police and Manipur Police to conduct a study on ‘Combating Child Trafficking’ in their States. Jharkhand Police and Manipur Police could not undertake the study. However, study has been awarded to Odisha Police at a cost of Rs 7.12 lakh. Sambalpur University conducting the study has submitted the progress through Odisha Police on 4th October 2016 that 10 districts (Rourkela, Baripada, Balasore, Sundergarh, Kalahandi, Raigarh, Balangir, Sambalpur, Berhampur, Keonjha) of Odisha have been covered for data and has filled up 67 schedules comprising information from Households and trafficked/rescued children. The study is in progress.

Decision: It was decided that details of and clear recommendations on each such study which have already been awarded, should be put on file before the Commission takes a decision.


Member (YJ) informed that the Indian Parliament passed the new Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 and it is effective from 15th of January 2016. The NCPCR has been mandated to monitor the provision of the JJ Act, 2015. The Chairperson, NCPCR has written to all States Chief Secretaries on 26th July 2016 to send the detailed information relating to implementation of provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015. The Juvenile Justice Rules, 2016 have been notified by the Ministry of Women and Child Development on 21st September 2016.

Member (YJ) has suggested that the Commission may like to take way forward for its effective implementation in the country.

Decision: This was noted by the Commission. It was decided to follow up with the States through video conferencing.

Agenda 12: Surprise visits to various Observations Homes and Special Homes in the country by NCPCR Team to monitor the implementation of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015.

Member (YJ) has stated that NCPCR is mandated to monitor the implementation of provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. In order to see the functioning of the Observation Homes/Special Homes in the States, a Team from NCPCR should conduct periodical surprise visits to these institutions whether these are functioning as per the Juvenile Justice Rules, 2016.

Decision:

- It was decided that a quarterly calendar for such visits need to be prepared and senior officers/officials of NCPCR should make visits to the Observation Homes / Special Homes accordingly.

- It was also decided that whenever Members visit any State on tour, they may inspect at least one such Home in the State during their visit.
• CP stressed the need to upload the inspection/tour reports on the Commission's website and to follow up with the State CPCR and State Governments.

Agenda 13: Compilation and printing of summary of rulings of Hon'ble Supreme Court and various High Courts' landmark judgments on Juvenile Justice/POCSO Acts.

Member(YJ) informed that NCPCR has, with the assistance of Ms Sandhya Bajaj, former Member, NCPCR, compiled the rulings of Hon'ble Supreme Court and various High Courts' landmark judgments on various issues under the Juvenile Justice Act and the POCSO Act. A summary of these compilations may be prepared with the help of an expert and got printed by the Commission for circulation to all stakeholders.

Decision: It was decided that compilation of all Supreme Court/High Court landmark judgments/rulings on issues concerning child rights laws may be prepared.

[Action- Shri R.K. Gaur, Sr. CL]

Agenda 14: Formulation of guidelines for Child Friendly Police Stations or corner in all Police Stations in the country.

Member (YJ) informed that Jharkhand Police launched an innovative programme in December 2013 to develop Police Stations Child Friendly in the State. Following six essential pillars or broad area under the Child Friendly Police Station Programme and 23 indicators have been implemented:

(a) Structure: Basic facilities, services and infrastructure at Police Station;
(b) Procedure: Separate Registers maintained for complaints and cases of children, FIR registered in missing child case, copy of FIR to be provided to complainant, knowledge level of Police Officers at PS in cases of CCL and CNCP, knowledge about special laws relating to children;
(c) Mindset: Child friendly policing and change of attitude;
(d) Resources: Trained Police Officers relating to child's law;
(e) Relationship with community: Organizing awareness programme, meeting or discussions for community to build trust between police and community;
(f) Coordination: Regulation coordination among key juvenile functionaries to take proper action as per Juvenile Justice Act/POCSO Act.

He has suggested that the Commission may like to consider approving the above innovative programmes of Jharkhand Police for circulation and adoption by other States in the country.

Decision: It was decided that -

• Member (YJ) will finalize Guidelines for Child Friendly Police Stations in consultation with Member (RK).

• Standard Banners should also be designed for placing in every Police Station to earmark child friendly space within the Police Station.

• Compliance to be self certified by State Police all across the country by uploading the pictures/photographs on the website and reviewed by SCPCRs/NCPCR
Agenda 15: Projected requirement of funds --- RE-2016-17 & BE-2017-18 for POCSO JJ Unit; and Budget 2016-17 and Budget 2017-18 under the Head (i) Law relating to Children, (ii) Elimination of Child Labour or Children in Distress.

Decision: It was decided that Member Secretary/Accounts Section will process the budget proposals submitted by Member (YJ) separately on file.

Agenda 16: Proposal for revision of remuneration structure of retired Government Servants engaged in NCPCR.

This item was withdrawn by Member (YJ)

II. AGENDA ITEMS PROPOSED BY MEMBER (EDUCATION) – SHRI PRIYANK KANOONGO.

Agenda 17: Review meetings in States/UTs to assess the status of implementation of RTE and measures taken for Out of School Children (OoSC).

Member (PK) informed that review meetings with State Education and WCD Departments will be completed up to March, 2017.

This was noted by the Commission.

Agenda 18: National Report on Status of Education in India.

Member (PK) informed that this activity will be completed up to May, 2017.

This was noted by the Commission.

Agenda 19: Developing regulations/model guidelines and Curriculum for ECCE Centres across India.

Member (PK) informed that this activity will be completed by December, 2016.

This was noted by the Commission.

Agenda 20: Review of implementation of 25% admission of children of EWS categories in the States.

Action Point: Review with the State Authorities through correspondence; Desk review of the progress; Consultation with the stakeholders.

Timeline: Dates to be decided for 4 consultations.

Budget: Rs.12.00 Lakh (approved by MHRD).

Outcome: Review report and directions (A proposal has been received from Quality Council of India (QCI) to analyze the data and conduct visits for verification).

Decision: This activity was approved.


- Action Point: Formation of expert group; Draft of model guidelines and curriculum.

Timeline: November 2016.

Budget: Rs.1.00 Lakh

Outcome: Draft guidelines and curriculum.

- Action Point: Final model guidelines and curriculum

Timeline: December 2016
Budget: Rs.1.00 Lakh  
**Outcome:** Final model guidelines and curriculum circulated to all States/UTs.

**Decision:** Approved. However, as regards the funding, it was decided that the proposal be processed on file.

**Agenda 22:** Sensitisation workshops on Manual on Safety and Security of Children in Schools.

**Action Point:** 4 regional workshops with different stakeholders.  
**Timeline:** January - March 2017.  
**Budget:** Rs. 30 lakhs.  
**Outcome:** Sensitization of stakeholders.

**Decision:** Approved. As regards the funding, it was decided that the proposal be processed on file.

**Agenda 23:** Consultations on education of children of the minorities’ communities.

**Action Point:** 4 Consultations at State/regional levels.  
**Timeline:** Nov 2016 to March 2017.  
**Budget:** Rs. 12.00 Lakhs.  
**Outcome:** A strategic interventions.

**Decision:** Approved. It was decided that this will be done in consultation with the concerned authorities, viz., National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI) etc. For fund allocation, communication needs to be sent to the concerned authority.

[Action- RTE Section]

**Agenda 24:** Residential/Hostel facilities in North East through CSR.

**Action Point:** Consultations for devising pathways to create such facilities.  
**Timeline:** (Date to be decided).  
**Outcome:** Recommendations for North East States.

**Decision:** Approved. It was decided to obtain project proposal from the respective State Governments.

[Action- RTE Section]

**Agenda 25:** Review of education and vocational training of children staying in Child Care Institutions- Children in need of Care & Support.

**Action Point:** Assessment of 40 CCIs by the TEs or Team members in respect to the educational/vocational training aspects of children in need of care and protection.  
**Timeline:** December, 2016.  
**Budget:** Rs.5.00 Lakhs.  
**Outcome:** A report on findings on educational/vocational training status of children living in CCIs.

**Decision:** Activity Approved. It was decided that -

- Proposal for the activity to be obtained through proper procedure from EOI/RFP.  
- The TOR of the agency should include assessment of vocational needs and tie up for CSR funding.

[Action- RTE Section]
Agenda 26: Review of education and vocational training of children staying in Child Care Institutions- Children in Conflict with Laws.

**Action Point:** Assessment of 40 CCIs by the TEs or Team members in respect to the educational/vocational training aspects of children in conflict with law.

**Timeline:** December 2016.

**Budget:** Rs. 5.00 Lakhs.

**Outcome:** A report on findings on educational/vocational training status of children living in CCIs.

**Decision:** Activity Approved. It was decided that -

- Proposal for the activity to be obtained through proper procedure from EOI / RFP.
- The TOR of the agency should include assessment of vocational needs and tie up for CSR funding.

[Action- RTE Section]

Agenda 27: Consultation on Vocational Training for Adolescent Girls.

**Action Point:** A one day consultation on vocational training for adolescent girls would be organized. A Core Group would be formed for deliberation and recommendations/ guidelines.

**Timeline:** December, 2016.

**Budget:** Rs. 2.00 Lakhs.

**Outcome:** Report including guidelines will be prepared.

**Decision:** Approved. As regards the funding, it was decided that the proposal be processed on file.

Agenda 28: Recommendation for continuous education of children of estranged parents.

**Action Point:** Consultation with experts

**Timeline:** First Week of November 2016

**Outcome:** Formal Recommendations

**Decision:** Approved.

Agenda 29: Identification and pilot for various digital technologies for monitoring of attendance.

**Action Point:** Pilot study.

**Budget:** Rs. 5.00 Lakhs.

**Outcome:** Recommendations on digital technology for monitoring attendance and further action plan.

**Decision:** Approved. It was decided to work out modalities in consultation with Member (RK). As regards funding, it was decided that the proposal be processed on file.

Agenda 30: Recommendation on Mid Day Meal menu based on area based deficiencies and resources.

**Action Point:** Desk review and field visit.

**Timeline:** November 2016.

**Budget:** Rs. 2.00 lakhs.

**Outcome:** Recommendations will be framed for concerned stakeholders.
Decision: Approved. As regards funding, it was decided that the proposal be processed on file.

Table Items by Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Member as presented during the meeting:

1. Misconduct of Mr. Hariom Bhardwaj, Consultant (IT) - Member (PK) made a complaint against Mr. Hariom Bhardwaj that he is disobeying his orders in IT matters. He demanded a written apology from him.

Decision: Shri Hariom was warned by the Commission not to repeat any act of disobedience in future. He would also be issued a written warning.

2. Setting up of North-East (NE) Cell: It was proposed to revive North East Cell at the earliest for which one Member could be made In-charge.

Decision: This proposal was approved by the Commission.

3. Recommendations to CABE: The Commission had drafted recommendations to be submitted to the 64th CABE Committee meeting scheduled on 25th October 2016. The draft version of recommendation was tabled in Statutory Meeting of the Commission before formally sending them to Hon'le Minister, MHRD & Chairman, CABE.

Decision: The Commission gave its consent to the draft recommendations.

4. Additional manpower for RTE Cell: He informed that the audit team of CAG in its recent performance audit of RTE Act, 2009, has made observation that most of the staff appointed at NCPCR are on short term contractual basis i.e. maximum for one year which leads to discontinuity in activities of the division. Moreover, being on contract basis there is lack of continuity which impedes in achieving objectives of RTE. For effective, functioning of the RTE Cell/Education division, there is an urgent need of following manpower:

   (i) Technical Expert (TE) - 1  
   (ii) Junior Technical Expert (JTE) - 4  
   (iii) Advocate - 1  
   (iv) Dedicated JTE for CSR Desk - 1  
   (v) Dedicated JTE for NE Desk - 1  
   (vi) Data Entry Operator - 1

Decision: MS was requested to look into it.

5. Creation of Dedicated CSR Cell in the Commission: He stressed the need for creation of a dedicated CSR Cell in the Commission with proper staffing to facilitate all the activities related to CSR within the Commission. A meeting of all CSR Heads of PSUs needs to be organized in the month of November, 2016.

Decision: MS was requested to initiate action in this regard.

6. Eight (08) Sensitization Workshops for organizations running Children Homes in NE States: He proposed Sensitization Workshops on the new JJ Act, 2015 for organizations running Children Homes and hostels to be held in all the States of North East region, including Sikkim.

Decision: This was agreed by the Commission.

7. Education Helpline proposal to be taken up with Policy Commission: Member (PK) suggested that as per rule 24 of the RTE Act, 2009, there should be a dedicated Education Helpline for children, the Education Division had drafted and submitted
such a proposal to MHRD as a solution platform for redressing grievances. Since MHRD has not approved this proposal, Member (PK) proposed that the same may be taken up with the Policy Commission.

**Decision:** It was decided to examine this issue in detail.

8. **Posters for POCSO e-box in schools:** Member (PK) proposed that simple and informative / understandable posters should be developed by the Commission and circulated in all the schools across the country through sponsorship via CSR activity, to generate larger awareness amongst children on issues related to POCSO in schools.

**Decision:** This proposal was approved by the Commission.

9. **Release of payment to Rajasthan SCPCR for study conducted on infrastructural monitoring in schools in 2013:** Member (PK) informed that NCPCR had conducted a pilot study on infrastructural monitoring in schools in 2013 held through SCPCR and CWCs of various districts in the State on pilot basis. In this regard, payment of Rajasthan SCPCR, which has successfully completed the said study and sent the report to the Commission, had been made partially. Since the report is found to be satisfactory and has been published as well, the balance outstanding amount payable to Rajasthan SCPCR should be settled at the earliest.

**Decision:** MS/Accounts Section were requested to take necessary action to settle the issue.

10. **Engagement of Interns:** Member (PK) emphasized upon the need for early finalization of guidelines and engagement of interns.

**Decision:** MS was requested to look into this matter.

11. **Office Orders to be issued by MS/AD:** Member (PK) suggested that all the Office Orders should be issued under the signatures of Member Secretary / Assistant Director and not by any Consultant / contractual staff.

**Decision:** The Chairperson clarified that the official communications / office orders may be issued by authorised officials, but it must clearly specify the approval of the competent authority for issuance of such orders.

12. **Infrastructure study and such other files where action was pending:** Member (PK) brought some files regarding – (i) Engagement of Consultant for compilation, categorization and analysis of High Court and Supreme Court cases concerning Right to Education of Children as envisaged under RTE Act, 2009 - Gujarat National Law University; (ii) Study on adolescent girl children of first generation learners and their access to higher education with focus on Maharashtra State - University of Pune; and, (iii) Sale of children by farmers of Khargone and Harda districts, Madhya Pradesh, in which action was pending for a long time.

**Decision:** Chairperson requested MS to process these files for early settlement of these long pending issues.
III. AGENDA ITEMS PROPOSED BY MEMBER (CHILD HEALTH) – SMT. RUPA KAPOOR.


Member (RK) presented the Annual Work Plan 2017-18 under the subject head “Child Health and Child Psychology”.

This was noted by the Commission.

Agenda 32: Sharing and coordination of work with the Ministries.

Member (RK) informed that to understand the work undertaken by the Ministries on Child Health and Nutrition and for convergence, a meeting with all the Ministries viz: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Ministry of HRD, has been planned for 28th October, 2016.

This was noted by the Commission.


Member (RK) informed that an Advisory Group for work related to Child Health and Development will be formed by the Commission. This Advisory Group will be comprised of representatives from various Ministries, experts and civil societies. The objective of this Advisory Group will be planning on burning issues related to health and formulating working strategies. This Advisory Group will also assist the Commission on child health/nutrition and development related issues.

Decision: This was approved by the Commission.

Agenda 34: Guidelines on Child/Baby Friendly Hospitals, an initiative of NCPCR.

Member (RK) informed that children in hospital settings generally are subjected to gloomy environments and fear of treatment. This deteriorates their physical health and affects their mental health. In this regard NCPCR has proposed to initiate the idea of Child/Baby Friendly Hospitals in India by formulating Guidelines. This will be drafted on the basis of intervention of the Commission in Govt. Hospital at Udaipur, where it is being implemented. A letter has been sent to Deputy Commissioner (CH/Immu) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for piloting in two hospitals in Delhi: AIIMS and Kalawati Saran.

This was noted by the Commission.

Agenda 35: Sanitation and Hygiene Programme with focus on Menstrual Hygiene of girls, open defecation free etc in collaboration with Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

Member (RK) informed that a meeting with an Official of Ministry of Water and Sanitation was held on 30th September, 2016 to discuss the areas for collaboration on issues related to Sanitation and Hygiene Programme with focus on Menstrual Hygiene of girls, open defecation free etc. NCPCR in collaboration with Ministry of Water and Sanitation will be planning awareness programmes on this issue.

This was noted by the Commission.

Agenda 36: NCPCR to become a part of Annual Common Review Mission undertaken by MHFW.

Member (RK) informed that Annual Common Review Mission is one of the important monitoring mechanisms under NRHM. For the purpose of CRM, teams are constituted comprising Government Officials, Public Health Experts, Representatives of the
Development Partners and Civil Society Organisations. The teams visit the States and conduct extensive field visits followed by detailed State level debriefings culminating in a final report. In a meeting held with Deputy Commissioner, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, it was decided that NCPCR will be part of CRM team from this year Nov, 2016. In this regard, NCPCR may send a letter to Secretary, MHW.

Decision: This was noted by the Commission. Further, it was decided to send a formal communication to Secretary, M/o Health and Family Welfare in this regard.

Agenda 37: Awareness campaign on POCSO Act, 2012 and developing POCSO App for Police.

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Member(RK) informed that it has been decided by the Commission that NCPCR with support of multi stakeholders viz: Police, Government agencies, Civil societies, Media and Youth volunteers will create mass awareness about provisions of POCSO Act, 2012. This campaign will be created through various activities like: displaying Documentaries, Nukkad natak, youth groups, play and art work etc. Keeping in view the time of festivals this campaign will run for three month time (October to December, 2016). As before festival of Diwali due to crowded places instances of abuse against children are more, therefore, the campaign will be started before Diwali, as a weeklong long campaign in: East, West, North and Outer District. This will be run with the support of Delhi, Police, Childline partners and civil society organizations working on the issue. Programme schedule is placed below for approval please. All logistics will be arranged by the Delhi Police and Civil societies. The three month campaign from will be planned out with Government agencies, Media partners and other stakeholders.

An app on POCSO is being planned with TULIR, an NGO working on issues related to sexual abuse against children. A meeting was held in this regard.

This was noted by the Commission.

Agenda 38: National Consultation on SDGs in December 2016.

NCPCR with Save the Children is planning to organise a National Consultation on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The main objective of the Consultation is to discuss the SDGs and draft way forward.

This was noted by the Commission.

Agenda 39: Public Hearing on JE/AES in Gorakhpur.

A follow up Public Hearing will be conducted in Gorakhpur on JE/AES.

This was noted by the Commission.

Agenda 40: (i) Recruitment of Staff in the Health Division; (ii) Additional funds for organizing Public Hearing, CSR meet etc.

Decision: Member Secretary/Establishment Section was requested to process the matter when the details of proposal are received.

Any other Agenda Item:

Member (RK) informed about the progress of activities carried out during the 1st two quarters: activities to be conducted during the 3rd & 4th quarters of 2016 -17 and Plan of Action during 2016-17.

This was noted by the Commission.
DUE TO SHORTAGE OF TIME THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE NOT DISCUSSED IN THE MEETING

IV. AGENDA ITEM PROPOSED BY PROGRAMME DIVISION.

Agenda 41: Study on Performance Evaluation of Primary Education System in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs).

V. AGENDA ITEM PROPOSED BY MEDIA SECTION.

Agenda Item No.42: Change in nomenclature of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) to National Child Rights Commission (NCRC).

VI. AGENDA ITEM PROPOSED BY GRIEVANCE CELL.

Agenda 43: Organizing Public Hearings in three States/UTs, i.e., Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi.

VII. AGENDA ITEMS PROPOSED BY ACCOUNTS SECTION


NCPCR issued Circular No. 16011/104/2015-16-Accounts (Vol.II) dated 28.09.2016 to all Divisions of the Commission with a request to assess the requirement of funds under each head of expenditure for the current financial year as well as estimates of F.Y. 2017-18 along with detailed justification, except Media Division which has shown requirement under R.E. 2016-17 for Rs.90.00 Lakhs and B.E. 2017-18 for Rs.175.00 Lakhs, no other division has furnished their requirement.


Decision: This was ratified by the Commission.

Agenda 45: Revision of Internal Allocation for the F.Y 2016-17.

As per detailed Demands for Grant 2016-17 of Ministry of Women and Child Development, Grant-in-Aid of Rs. 1900 lakhs has been allocated to NCPCR as under:

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However, while allocating tentative provision under different heads as per internal requirements some inter head re-appropriations were made by the Commission. Re-appropriation of Grant-in-aid as detailed in Demand for Grants is not under the purview of this Commission.

In view of the above, NCPCR may rectify and revise the internal tentative allocation of Grant-in-Aid for 2016-17. The Commission, has however, sent the RE 2016-17 to the tune of Rs. 2057 lakhs.

**Decision**: This proposal was approved by the Commission.

**Agenda 48**: Apprising the Commission regarding request from MWCD for payment of bills from the GIA budget through NCPCR relating to 4th SAIEVAC Ministerial Conference held on 09 – 11 May 2016 organized by MWCD.

*This was noted and the course of action taken was approved by the Commission.*

**Agenda 47**: Apprising the Commission of the status of release of funds for the Survey of Child Care Institutions by NCPCR and Childline India Foundation (CIF).

*This was noted and the course of action taken was approved by the Commission.*

**VIII. AGENDA ITEMS PROPOSED BY ADMINISTRATION / ESTABLISHMENT.**

**Agenda 48**: Discussion on the Common Guidelines for engagement of Consultants. The Ministry of Women & Child Development has forwarded a copy of common guidelines being implemented by them for engagement of Consultants. MWCD has requested NCPCR to strictly adhere to the guidelines issued by them in this regard.

*Decision*: It needs to be examined as to whether it is feasible to adopt the MWCD Guidelines for engagement of Consultants forwarded by the Ministry.

[Action – Administration]

**Agenda 49**: Procedure for Tour programmes of Officers/Officials of NCPCR.

The Commission was informed that M/s Balmer Lawrie Ltd. is the official travel agency of NCPCR which has a specified credit limit upto Rs.5 lakhs. Due to non receipt of TA bills on time in most of the cases, this limit often exceeds and the agency refuses to book further tickets, therefore, becomes difficult for the Admin to ensure timely booking of tickets for urgent official tours of members/officers etc. In order to enable the Admin to book tickets timely, officials may be directed to submit the TA bills immediately after return so that payment is released to the agency after settlement of these bills in time.

Most of the contractual staff of the Commission are not entitled to travel by Air. In case of urgency, approval from the MWCD have to be obtained for their Air travel. Similarly, in case of travel by private airlines also, MWCD’s approval is required. In all cases of official journeys, the following procedure may be prescribed for the officials:

1. Approval of CP may be sought for the official with itinerary through proper channel that is with the recommendation of the concerned Members well in advance.

2. Concerned non-entitled officials may draw advance as per their eligibility and book the tickets for the official journey which may be reimbursed if the approval from the MWCD for air journey is received, otherwise the same will be restricted to their entitled class and mode of transport.
3. In case the tickets booked for official tour is cancelled due to some unavoidable reasons, the same may be communicated to the Admin at the earliest with the approval of the CP for further necessary action.

**Decision:** The Commission approved the proposal. However, it was desired that in case where the approval from MWCD for air travel of non-entitled officials is received in time, General Administration will arrange their tickets or reimburse the admissible amount on air journey to the individual concerned, if the tickets are booked by them prior to receiving MWCD’s approval.

**Agenda 50:** Outsourcing of staff – Apprising the Commission of the action taken for e-procurement.

*This was noted by the Commission.*

**Agenda 51:** Issues considered in the 29th Statutory Meeting on which decision deferred.

*No discussion could take place on these issues.*

**IX. ANY OTHER ITEMS WITH THE PERMISSION OF CHAIR:**

1. **Foundation Day:** It was proposed to invite a VIP/dignitary to be a Chief Guest on the occasion. Further, it was also proposed that a documentary film on Child Rights be unveiled on the occasion.

   *[Action – Advisor (Media) / MS]*

2. **Implementation of E-office system in NCPCR:** Member Secretary emphasized upon the need for introducing e-office in the Commission and apprised them of the consultation held with NIC officials in this regard, and the proposed hiring of a person through NICSI for facilitating smooth introduction/operationalization of e-office in a phased manner. The course of action was endorsed by the Commission.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.