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Report on Visit to Chhattisgarh

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List of Abbreviations

NCPCR............National Commission for Protection of Child Rights
SCPCR............State Commission for Protection of Child Rights
CSCPCR .........Chhattisgarh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights
WCD.............Women and Child Department
CPCR............Commission for Protection of Child Rights
UNICEF.........United Nations Children's Fund
CNCP............Child in need of Care and Protection
CCI...............Child Care Institution
CCL.............Child in conflict with law
CWSN..........Children with Special needs
POCSO.........Protection of Children from Sexual Offences
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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;
The purpose of the visit was to see innovative model of Child Friendly Police Station, Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh and to assess the situation of Children in Child Care Institutions of the State.

**Child Care Institutions**

- To assess situation of children in Child Care Institutions

**Child Friendly Police Station**

- To see Child Friendly Police Station, Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh.

**One day seminar on Hamare Mann ki Baat Mantriji ke Saath’- voices of children**

- To participate in one day seminar on ‘Hamare Mann ki Baat Mantriji ke Saath’- voices of children on 10th December, 2016.

## Team Composition

A team, comprised of the following

1. Ms. Rupa Kapoor, Member, NCPCR
2. Dr. Preeti Srivastava, Member Secretary, NCPCR,
3. Ms. Shatabdi Pandey Chairperson CSCPCR and
4. Ms. Uma Bharti Sharaf, Member CSCPCR
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A team comprised of Member, NCPCR and CSCPCR visited Chhattisgarh model of Child Friendly Police Station at District Mahasamund. The team met Ms.Neha Champavat SP Mahasamund, who intimated that owing to the large number of crimes at Chhattisgarh, the Police team decided to set up Child Friendly Police Stations throughout the District at Mahasamund. UNICEF supported the training of the policemen and in structural improvement of police stations.

Later the team visited the nearest Police chowki which was designed as Child Friendly. It had a separate entrance. The station was designed colourfully with cartoons; there was a seating arrangement for children and toys were available giving children a sense of comfort. The local police officer said that she gives proper counselling to the children and their parents if such a situation related to Juvenile crime occurs.

The CWC members also work very closely with the child friendly police stations and visit them every Friday for any kind of support.
An idea of NCPCR was introduced and implemented by the CSCPCR on 10th Dec’16. Over 200 children from across Chhattisgarh participated in this programme. Children are the future of the country and their voices and decisions play a vital role.

Through this Seminar children were given an opportunity to voice their feelings, questions to the highest authorities, the decision makers or the Ministers. The Minister for WCD, Minister PWD participated in this function. Children from boy and girl scouts and guides participated in many cultural programmes. Later the children asked varied questions to the Ministers like- when will the load of their school bags reduce? Is there any way recreational activities of children can increase in schools? How to become a Minister? Effects of demonetisation etc.

The set up of seminar was of bright colourful setting. There were camel rides and fun games for them too. The Ministers candidly met the children and answered all their queries and understood their problems. When some special children asked for support in education/wheelchairs etc, the Minister WCD took immediate cognizance of their needs.
Ms. Rupa Kapoor Member NCPCR, Dr. Preeti Srivastava, MS NCPCR & Ms. Umabharti Sharaf Member CSCPCR visited Boys home at Kachehri Chowk Raipur. Around 150 children were present in the home. Boys were being served lunch when the team arrived. A private donor had sponsored the lunch for children.

The team observed that children were kept well. There was provision for their education, vocational training and some recreation.

Member and team had a separate discussion with some of the children sans authorities. Children shared that they received proper food but they would prefer a change in menu at times. They also wanted cricket, drawing, dancing and computers to be in their daily course. A number of teenagers wanted special coaching for their studies.
After visiting the boys home, the team visited the Government Girls’ Home at Raipur. The team visited their living quarters, eating quarters and vocational training mechanisms. Children performed some cultural activities.

Later Member NCPCR held a discussion with some children and if they had any issues. Most children were happy with their stay and education. Some wanted better recreational facilities and some wanted to go home. Member directed the Superintendent to take appropriate action on the same.