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Dear *Dr. Banerjee*,

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has been constituted by Government of India, as a Statutory Body under Section 3 of the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 (No. 4 of 2006) for dealing with protection of child rights and related matters.

One of the various functions assigned to the Commission under Section 13(1) (j) of the CPCR Act, 2005, inquire into complaints and take *suo motu* notice of matters relating to (i) deprivation and violation of child rights and (ii) non-implementation of laws providing for protection and development of children.

The Commission had taken suo-motu cognizance of the newspaper reports on the incidence of Child Trafficking and Adoption racket in Kolkata, West Bengal. Accordingly, Ms Rupa Kapoor, Member NCPCR visited Kolkata from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 to inquire into the matter.

The Commission recommends to the State Government and District Administration to initiate immediate action on the issues listed below in order to ensure protection of the rights and entitlements of children. The following recommendations arise from the visit for action at the State and District level:

- **Registration of CCIs:** The concerned authority to ensure mapping and registration of all the Child Care Institutions (CCIs) in the District especially NGO run homes under JJ Act 2015, and conduct inspection periodically to ensure protection of children against any child rights violations, deprivations or subject to any kind of physical or sexual abuse.

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- **Registration of all Hospitals/Nursing Home/Clinics:** The concerned authority to ensure mapping and registration of all the Hospitals/Nursing Homes/Clinics etc under The West Bengal Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010, and also conduct inspection periodic to ensure protection of children against any child rights violations, deprivations or subject to any kind of abuse.
- Ensure registration of all Doctors under the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002 and if there is any misconduct or violation of the Regulation is found the doctors should be immediately punished under the provisions of the Act.
- Ensure background verification of all medical, non medical and subordinate staff in hospitals, nursing homes etc.
- Display Boards in all Nursing Homes/ PHC and Panchayat stating that severe punishment will be meted out to those who undertake any role in illegal abortions/ selling of babies/ child trafficking/illegal adoptions.
- Immediate installation of CCTV cameras in all such neonatal /pediatric wards to prevent occurrences of baby theft.
- The entry of the Pediatric Ward/ Neo-natal Ward of hospitals needs to be guarded for regulating the entry to curb child trafficking cases.
- Ensure periodic surprise inspections/ raids by Police /Health Deptt/ CARA & SARA officials.
- Immediate identification and registration of all pregnant women in the District through health check up camps or regular visits of ANM/ASHA/AWW workers.
- Ensure early identification of all malnourished children especially severe malnourished children and timely admission of these children into nearest NRC.
- Administration to take measures for a periodic review of neo-natal care and neo-natal deaths. Administration to conduct regular quality audits of facilities including death audits.
- Ensure formation of Village Child Protection Committee/Ward Child Protection Committee and orient them on monitoring & supervision of all child based organization in their areas.
- Ensure regular awareness campaign in the community on safe delivery/ legal methods of abortion/ adoption needs. Asha/ ANM/ AWW can create awareness on such illegal practices

in the community along with understanding the Adoption laws, so that if anyone wants to give their child for adoption they understand the legal procedure.

- District Administration to work in joint collaboration with NGOs, to initiate sensitization/orientation programmes for officers of various Departments, the Police Force as well as the concerned administrative officials in field areas on issues concerning child rights especially child trafficking.
- The West Bengal State Government to duly orient the Village Level Cops, (under the process of recruitment), on the child right issues, to keep a check on possible cases of trafficking.
- Ensure Anti Human Trafficking Cell is formed and trained to prevent incidences of trafficking in the District.

You are requested to immediately submit a detailed action taken report on the measures taken by the Government to address the child trafficking and adoption racket in Kolkata, West Bengal alongwith the CID report in the current matter. You are also requested to implement the recommendations given by NCPCR at the earliest to prevent any violation of child right in the State.

With regards,

+ Best wishes for the NEW Year.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl: Copy of Tour Report

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