



Annexure 6

REPORT OF State Level Inspection and Monitoring Committee & State Level Inspection Team Government of West Bengal Till 31-03-2014

1. The Governor is pleased to constitute the State Level Inspection & Monitoring (SLIM) Committee vide Memorandum No 7057/SW/O/JJA-33/12 dated 26-09-2012 & the State Level Inspection Team (SLIT) vide Notification No 7058/SW/O/JJA-33/12 dated 26-09-2012 with the Following Members :
 1. Shri Asokendu Sengupta- Chairman
 2. Smt Sipra Bhattacharyya- Member
 3. Shri Kalyan Rudra- Member
 4. Ms Arpita Chowdhury- Member
 5. Shri Bidhan Bhattacharyya- Member
 6. Ms Mahua Moitra- Member
 7. Two Members- to be nominated by the Chairman
 8. Shri Pramal Kumar Samanta- Member Convenor
2. Subsequently, Chairman nominated Dr Siddhartha Gupta and Shri Dilip Ghosh FOR THE SLIM Committee ; and Dr Pradip Dan and Shri Sujato Bhadra for the SLIT.
3. The SLIM Committee & the SLIT have started its venture to diagnose ills and to prescribe remedies in order to revitalize a delivery system which is practically in a moribund state. Apart from inspection and monitoring the committee is entrusted with building a transparent monitoring mechanism.

Total Number of Homes visited: 132

Districts visited: All

ACHIEVEMENTS:

1. Revision of inside wage of Vagrancy Home: After almost 40 years the wage has been revised (from Rs. 4.05 to Rs. 40, vide order No 1536 – SW, dated 2-5-2013) on the recommendation of the SLIT & SLIM Committee. However daily wages of inmates of other homes remain unchanged (Rs 9.10 only).

Recommendation: Recommended that reasonable enhancement of daily wages of inmates of other homes may be made immediately.
2. The difference in scale of support for different categories of inmates is disturbing. Some kind of uniformity is necessary and the possibility of sourcing the additional amount required from the state budget needs to be explored.



3. About 800 books have been distributed among several Homes. Organisations like Friends of Democracy and All Bengal State Govt. College Teachers Association have helped SLIT & SLIM committee in this move.
4. Kadai Home, Murshidabad rechristened as Kazi Nazrul Islam Destitute Home as proposed by the chairman & reopened.
5. SLIT & SLIM COMMITTEE recommended that reservation quota for home inmates in ICDS be restored. This was accepted and scope for them has further been extended.
6. There are reasons to believe that inter-sectoral meetings will bear fruit very soon. Many a government department/ directorate have taken active interest and have already nominated nodal officers for better coordination.

The Director, Social Welfare, the Department of CD and the Department of WCDSW may nominate Liaison Officers immediately to strengthen the bondage.

The SLIMC & the SLIT wish to add that

- a) The SLIT is constituted in terms of the section 63 of JJ Rules. The SLIT & the DLITs need to be considered as essential component of the Service Delivery Structures. The PAB may be urged to provide fund for the smooth functioning of the SLIT & the DLITs.
- b) The SLIMC may be considered as an Innovative Project. A detailed proposal may be sent to PAB and the Government of India with a request to release grants in this regard.

NEWS:

- i) In his letter dated 24-04-2013 the chairman requested the Secretary to send ATR on the 1st Interim Report that was submitted by the Chairman on 21-01-2013.
- ii) A MOU had been signed by the Chairman, the SLIM Committee and the SLIT with Railway Children & Pratichi Institute for a study on status of child protection at Juvenile Homes in West Bengal. Railway Children & Pratichi Institute were to bear the entire cost towards this study, it was agreed upon.

Shortcomings & Recommendations:

1. Audit pending in almost all govt-run homes for couple of years.
The Superintendents of the homes may be asked by the Director to take necessary steps immediately.
2. I-Cards for members of CWCs and SCPS, SARA, DCPS Staff have not been issued yet. Interestingly, despite several reminders the department had not yet been able to provide letterhead & I-Card for the SLIT & SLIM Committee.
I-Cards, letterhead etc need to be provided by the competent authority immediately.
3. The chairman had sent letters to all DMs (Memo no: Nil Dated 21/08/2013 & Memo no 02/SLIM-SLIT Dated 5/12/2013) requesting them to constitute District Inspection Teams; most districts constituted such committees subsequently.
4. It is noticed that the department/directorate is unaware of many care-giving institutions in this state. Some NGOs have definitely been serving the people in need of care & protection seriously. But, activities of some NGOs and some institutions deserve scrutiny. In some areas it is observed that NGOs are not interested in providing services.



The Director, Social Welfare may please convene a meeting of NGOs to devise a plan for better partnership.

5. DSWOs/DCPOs were asked to map all homes in their respective districts. They had further been requested to register all CCIs under section 34(3), to constitute M.Cs & C.Cs in consonance with section 56 & 57 of the JJ Rules. The DMs were asked to take expeditious actions in this regard. (Memo No : Nil Dated 21/08/2013 & Memo no 02/SLIM-SLIT Dated 5/12/2013).
6. Ideal Group donated Rs 4,65,000/ for the development of Kishalay Children Home, Barasat under CSR activity. Administrative approval accorded after about two months allowing the DM, North 24 Parganas to receive the donation through DCPS SB account as per section 45 of JJ Act. It may be noted that section 45 of JJ Act is no mandate for receiving such fund. If the Department creates JJ Fund as per section 95 of JJ Rules, 2009 (read with section 61 Of JJ Act 2000) the Department may avoid such ambiguity and circuitous path.

The Department is urged to create a JJ Fund as per section 95 of JJ Rules immediately.

7. Following Requirements are to be met urgently in government–run homes:
 - a) Guarding staff (preferably Male) for Main Entrance of Home .
 - b) Doctor / Lady Doctor and full time Nurse .
 - c) Full time counselor/ lady counselor.
 - d) Teacher / lady Teacher for providing Vocational training along with teachers for education.
 - e) Separate infrastructure for keeping the CNCP and JCL girls.
 - g) Removal of Condemned vehicles etc from the campus.
8. Repairing of electrical wiring, building etc are urgently needed for safety and security of the home. It is suggested that maintenance of all government-run home may be placed in PWD (Civil & Electrical) book. Secretary, Department of Social Welfare should take up the matter with PWD.
9. Shortage/Transfer of staff from homes: It is observed that in government –run homes there is an acute shortage of staff. Further, it is noted that a large section of employees have never been transferred and allowed to work at the same place for over decades.

The Department may, for the best interest of the inmates, fill in vacancies transfer immediately all employees who have served a particular home for more than 10 years continuously.

10. Constitution of CWC: In many districts the CWCs are not constituted properly and that resulted in many legal problems.

The government may take expeditious steps to fill in all vacancies in CWCs.

11. SCPS/DCPS/SARA: The department has not yet been able to complete recruitments for the sanctioned posts in SCPS/DCPS/SARA.

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12. Principal, Suryoday Deaf & Dumb School, Raigunge, Uttar Dinajpur served the institution for more than 12 years. This is a unique post and the incumbent has no scope for promotion in his service career.

Department may consider upgradation of the post and explore promotional avenues.

13. Blind School, Cochbehar may be provided financial support to run the Braille Press & Library.
14. In many homes it is observed that eligible girls are not provided with sanitary napkins.



15. All WORKING WOMEN'S HOSTEL in the state of West Bengal such as No. of such hostels, present status, location, physical condition, mode of use, functionality etc. The said mapping process may be undertaken by the Directorate Level and efforts will be taken to expedite the same at the earliest time frame.
16. On analysis of the State's financial load, it is observed that the state will gain Rs. 7.30,31,040/-, if the units under Cottage Scheme are converted to ICPS. However, this conversion can be made possible when the units are registered under u/s 34 (c) of Juvenile Justice Act.
17. There are many Bangladeshi inmates in many homes. The Government should take all possible measures to repatriate them as early as possible.
18. Secretary and Commissioner of Social Welfare may be asked to provide updates regularly to the committee/team by sending notes / reports (except confidential ones) to the Committee/Team on subjects pertaining to the purview of this committee/team.
19. WBJSW cadres should get enough space to vent their opinions, their experiences need to be utilized fully and they need to shoulder more responsibilities. The scope for enabling this cadre to render the required services more effectively by improving their career prospects needs to be explored. They deserve better logistic support, mobility and scope for capacity enhancement through systematic training and exposure. The SLIM Committee may also be entrusted with examining these aspects. It may be noted that such reforms apparently will not put much pressure on state exchequer.
20. ICDS is a centrally sponsored mega project. Successful implementation of this project is particularly important in this state considering the fact that nutritional level of the children under six, pregnant women and lactating mothers is shameful. And so, a separate Directorate may be formed to handle ICDS project.
21. Directorate must have a strong legal cell.
22. The system and spirit of e-governance with applications of modern technologies may be extended at the earliest to the base level for smother and faster functioning of this department.
23. The state government should examine all archaic Acts and Rules and provisions thereof may be amended in such a manner that maximum benefits may be extended to the beneficiaries. Framing/ amendments of acts and rules should be made compatible with Resolutions of General Assembly, known as Beijing Rules, Riyadh Rules, adopted in 1985 and 1990 respectively.
24. Since it is not possible in many cases to ascertain caste/religion of an inmate the department of SC/ST/OBC and minorities may be approached to issue appropriate certificates on the basis of the recommendations of home superintendents.
25. At Sardiha, about 2 km away from Nivedita Home, Manikpara, there is one abandoned house with huge land at the disposal of Social Welfare Board. DSWO may come up with an appropriate plan so as to utilize this land for the education and other benefit of destitute girls, particularly girls of weaker section.
26. District administration may be asked to take necessary steps to stop encroachment and oust unauthorized occupants immediately.
27. Appropriate authorities may be approached to declare all children of homes as CWSN. As regards birth certificates, the SLIT recommends that in absence of such certificates the doctors attached to

respective homes may, in consultation with home superintendents, be empowered to issue birth certificates.

28. Safe drinking water and proper sanitation home managements should take care of.
29. It appears that a section of police, Municipality, health & other line department staff are not fully aware of the Juvenile Act and the welfare schemes of the government. Sensitization programme need to be started immediately.
30. Separate friendly sanitation system for disabled children be provided.
31. Local Muniapalities/Panchayets may be requested to cooperate.
32. 9. Strict supervision over SAM(SEVERELY ACUTE MALNOURISHED) children is needed.
33. Provision for proper fire fighting arrangements in every home must be made compulsory for issuance/renewal of licences.
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35. Transit Homes, of the nature of Shelter Home, may be set up near Howrah Station/ Sealdah Station to receive girls coming from other states.
36. A special home for girls booked under IPT Act may be established by the state government.
37. The staffing pattern of government-run Home needs to be reviewed. These posts were created long back.
38. The State govt may provide special financial package for continuation and furtherance of enterprises meant for persons with mental retardation and multiple disability.

