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From the Desk of Chairperson



It is my immense pleasure to present you with the Annual Report of West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights for the year 2017-2018.

Since its inception, the Commission is working towards ensuring protection of children against all forms of abuse and violation of child rights in the State of West Bengal.

This has been a remarkable year for the Commission in terms of its visibility of upholding and promoting child rights and child protection.

WBCPCR filed a writ petition at the Supreme Court challenging the Centre's notification to identify and deport all Rohingyas living in India. The WBCPCR feels the deportation of Rohingyas who have been described as one of the world's most persecuted minorities by the United Nation from India is synonymous to throwing them into the jaws of death.

Mr Bimal Gurung, leader of Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) was summoned a number of times by the Commission for involving school children in political rallies, but he denied the order of the Commission. The Commission further ordered the concerned District Administration to attach his property and issue a warrant of arrest.

Based on a news published in ABP, Ei samay on 18th January ,2018 with regard to the death of a baby girl of 2.5 years old for the alleged negligence of doctors and nurses of AMRI hospital, Mukundapur WBCPCR took suo motu cognizance of the incident. As a part of enquiry into the alleged negligence into the matter, the Commission issued letter to the Director of Health Services with a request to give a detailed report of the incident as well as an action taken report with a copy to the Superintendent of AMRI, Mukundapur.

The Commission requested the Commissioner of Kolkata Police to furnish a copy of the Post Mortem report. After receiving the daily Report of the hospital, CCTV footage and Post Mortem Reports it was prima facie established that the cause of death was lack of oxygen and not cardiac arrest which the Hospital Authorities had tried to prove. Presently the case is sub- judice before West Bengal Clinical Establishment Regulatory Commission (WBCERC) on the basis of the complaint of the parents of the deceased.

Being the Monitoring and Recommending Body, the Commission prepared and sent a set of recommendations to the concerned department.

The Commission took suo-motu cognizance of a case of sexual assault of a four year old girl within the school premises by a teacher of the same school. A lot of agitations and protests were going on outside the school premises. A demand was made to arrest the Principal, since she was trying to suppress facts and was uncooperative. The school was forced to shut down due to the agitation. The re-opening of the school was as important as getting explanation from the Principal. With the intervention of the Chairperson WBCPCR, the school management was compelled to hold a meeting with guardians, police and the Chairperson, WBCPCR, on two different occasions to decide the re-opening of the school with proper safety and security measures. Initially, the effort was going nowhere, but, due to the timely intervention of the Chairperson the whole issue was resolved amicably. The Principal of the school was relieved of her duties and responsibilities with immediate effect. Most importantly, the school was re-opened. In presence of the Chairperson WBCPCR, various points were recorded in the form of minutes of the meeting, with regard to the safety and security of school children and formation of guardians' association, to which the school management were also signatories.

At present, the case is pending adjudication before the Trial Court as well as the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court.

In the light of such unfortunate incidents happening around and as a part of its commitment to create

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safe environments for children, WBCPCR has formed a drafting Committee with some leading NGOs and Child Rights Defenders to prepare a 'Safe School Policy', which will act as a guideline for all schools in West Bengal.

How a child marriage ruins one's personal development and ultimately results in the brutal murder of another child has been revealed by the social enquiry report of the Purulia child abuse case. The District Magistrate of Purulia submitted the report of the Social enquiry of the POCSO case (July, 2017) to the West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights where a three year old girl succumbed to death being sexually tortured with needles by her step father. The enquiry was ordered by the Chairperson. The Commission tried hard to save the child, but she died in SSKM a few days after admission.

Sneha Halder, a 9 year old girl is a National Chess Champion. Though she belongs to a lower middle class family, she refuses to abandon her dream to continue her strides towards excellence in chess. The Commission supported her financially so that she could participate in the National Chess Championship in Haryana last year. Sneha won Bronze (Under 10) Commonwealth Chess Championship in Delhi in 2018. She has qualified for World Chess Championship to be held in China in March 2019 and then the next Asian Chess Championship tournament. The Commission has introduced her to suitable funders and patrons to keep her dreams alive.

We have been able to take a significant number of suo motu cognizance especially in cases of POCSO (which is otherwise very under reported) and other cases of child rights violations as well. It is mentionworthy that the Commission has started taking initiatives to sensitize the district officials and other stakeholders about POCSO through organising consultations in different clusters in West Bengal.

The Commission has taken up a Project on Restoration of trafficked and Missing children and started to document on 'experience sharing and procedure involved in restoration'.

In 2017 the Commission introduced Media Awards based on Child Rights reporting – Shishushree for sensitive, responsible and responsive media reporting on children

In 2017 and 2018, the Commission had sent letters to all the District Magistrates of West Bengal to ensure that children who take part in Ramnavami procession should not carry any arms. The Commission had also asked them to send the status report regarding this matter within a week of Ramnavami.

A joint study has been initiated by the Commission with Behala Keertika on 'Towards Educating the Life of a Child as a Citizen & Revisiting the Education System at School Levels: Findings from West Bengal.' The preliminary findings on North Bengal and South Bengal have been disseminated with experts and stakeholders and a set of recommendations from these two regions have been derived. After the publication of the final report, significant recommendations will be sent to the concerned department from WBCPCR.

Setting up of a Child Friendly room in the Commission is a significant milestone where children can spend time with a counsellor, share their untold stories and ventilate their feelings in a non-threatening and comfortable environment.

With a combined efforts of all stakeholders, the Commission will try to reach out to more children in difficult circumstances.

I express my humble gratitude and best regards to the district administrations, Government agencies, Non-Government organisations our team, and well-wishers who have supported us actively throughout the year.

Ananya Chakraborti
Chairperson

West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights

List of Members of WBCPCR

LIST OF CHAIRPERSON & MEMBERS

1. Ms. Ananya Chakraborti Chattetjee - Chairperson
(from September 2016,till date)
2. Mr Soumitra Ray - Member
3. Ms Anita Basu - Member
4. Ms Sudeshna Roy - Member
5. Ms Shakila Sultana Shams - Member
6. Ms June Malia - Member
7. Mr Prasun Bhowmick - Member

Managing Pattern of WBCPCR

Sl No	Name of the post	Filled up (✓)	Vacant (X)
1	Secretary Acting (One)	✓	
2	Joint Secretary (One)	✓	
3	Assistant Secretary (One)	✓	
4	Law Officer (One)	✓	
5	Accountant –cum- UDA (One)	✓	
6	Stenographer (Two)		X
7	Section Officer (One)	✓	
8	UD Assistant (One)	✓	
9	LD Assistant (two)		X
10	LD Assistant with computer Knowledge (Two)		X
11	Peon (Six)		X
12	Night guard –cum- Gatekeeper (One)		X
	Total	7	13

Position filled up on Deputation basis

Sl No.	Position	Number
1.	Accountant	1
2.	Mukhya Sevika	1
3.	Peon	1

Contractual 'Group C' Category: 2

Contractual 'Group D' Category: 2

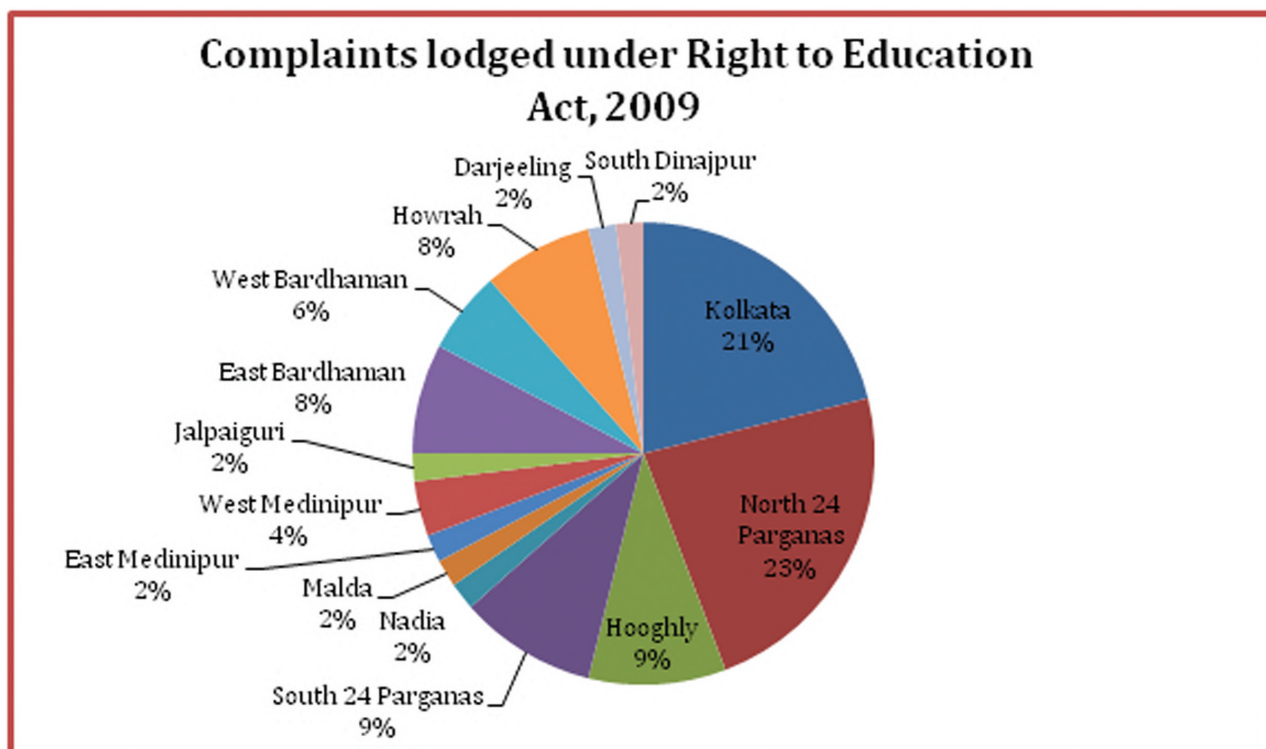
The Commission has engaged a few consultants from different child / development related fields. Advertisements were published in a leading newspaper and in the Commission's website.

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Tenure
1.	Arpita Nath	Consultant (Part-time)	June 2016 to Mid May 2018
2.	Aranya Sen	Consultant (Part-time)	August 2016 to till date
3.	Joy Neogi	Financial Consultant (Full time)	November 2016- till date
4.	Mahuya Santra	Consulting Editor	November 2016- till date
5.	Maumita Chatterjee	Consultant (CPO- UNICEF)	February 2017- Till date
6.	Indrani Chakraborty	Programme Consultant	April 2017- Till date
7.	Susmita Chanda	Programme Consultant	August 2017- till date
8.	Siddiqua Parveen	Legal Consultant	September 2017- till date
9.	Swarupam Kanti Das	Legal Consultant	September 2017- till date
10.	Kuldeep Polley	Data entry Operator	Dec 2017-till date
11.	Somrita Golui	Data entry Operator	Nov 2017- till date
12.	Sanghamitra Kar	Junior Programme Consultant	July 2017-till date
13.	Priyadarshini Ray	Counselling Consultant	October 2017- till date

5. Glimpses of the year 2017-18

Complaints addressed and actions taken:

A. Complaints lodged under Right to Education Act, 2009 (between 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018)				
State / District	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
Kolkata	11	Individual - 4 NGO - 3	4	Closed - 1 Under Process - 10
North 24 Parganas	12	NGO - 3 West Bengal Commission for Women - 2 Individual - 4	3	Under Process - 11 Closed - 1
Hooghly	5	Individual - 2	3	Under Process - 5
South 24 Parganas	5	Individual - 3 NGO - 1	1	Under Process - 5
Nadia	1	DCPO - 1		Under Process - 1
Malda	1		1	Under Process - 1
East Medinipur	1		1	Under Process - 1
West Medinipur	2	Individual - 2		Under Process - 2
Jalpaiguri	1		1	Under Process - 1
East Bardhaman	4	Individual - 3 NGO - 1		Under Process - 4
West Bardhaman	3	Individual - 1	2	Under Process - 3
Howrah	4	Individual - 1 NGO - 1 DSWO - 1	1	Under Process - 2 Closed - 2
Darjeeling	1	Individual - 1		Under Process - 1
South Dinajpur	1	Individual - 1		Under Process - 1
Total Number of complaints lodged	52			



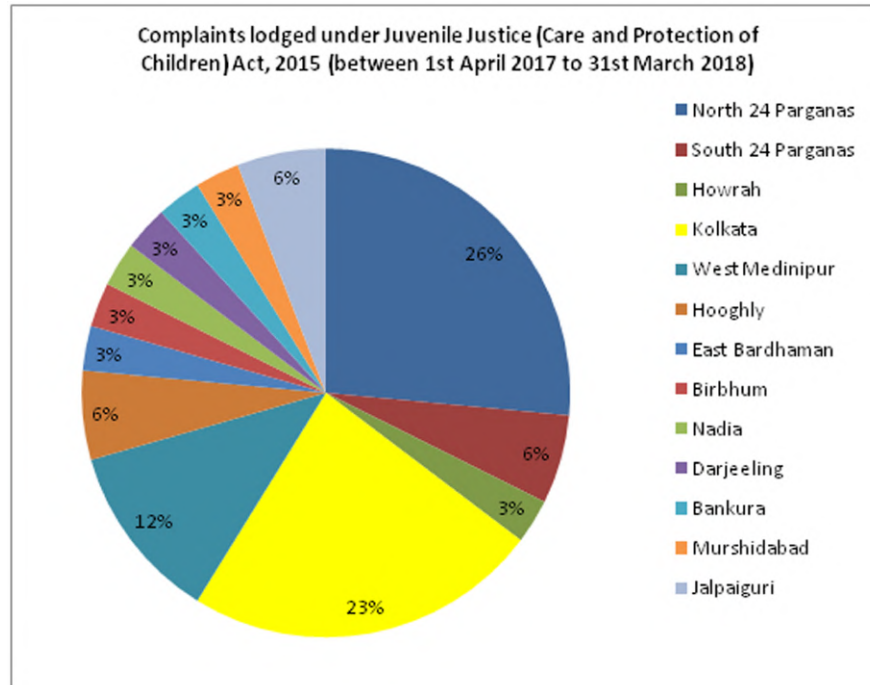
The complaints addressed by WBCPCR under RTE were on:

Non-issuing of Transfer Certificate, denial of admission in school, giving corporal punishment, vulnerable situation of students due to political disturbance(suo-motu cognizance), child abuse, expulsion of child .

B. Complaints lodged under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (between 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018)				
State / District	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
North 24 Parganas	9	Individual - 5 NGO - 1	3	Under Process - 9
South 24 Parganas	2	Individual - 1 West Bengal Commission for Women - 1		Under Process - 1 Closed - 1
Howrah	1	Individual- 1		Under Process - 1
Kolkata	8	Individual - 3 NGO - 1	4	Under Process - 8
West Medinipur	4	Individual - 2	2	Under Process - 4

B. Complaints lodged under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (between 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018)

State / District	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
Hooghly	2	West Bengal Commission for Women - 1	Individual - 1	Under Process - 1 Closed - 1
East Bardhaman	1	Individual - 1		Under Process - 1
Birbhum	1		1	Under Process - 1
Nadia	1		1	Under Process - 1
Darjeeling	1		1	Under Process - 1
Bankura	1	NGO - 1		Under Process - 1
Murshidabad	1	Individual - 1		Under Process - 1
Jalpaiguri	2	Individual - 1	1	Under Process - 2
Total Number of complaints lodged	34			

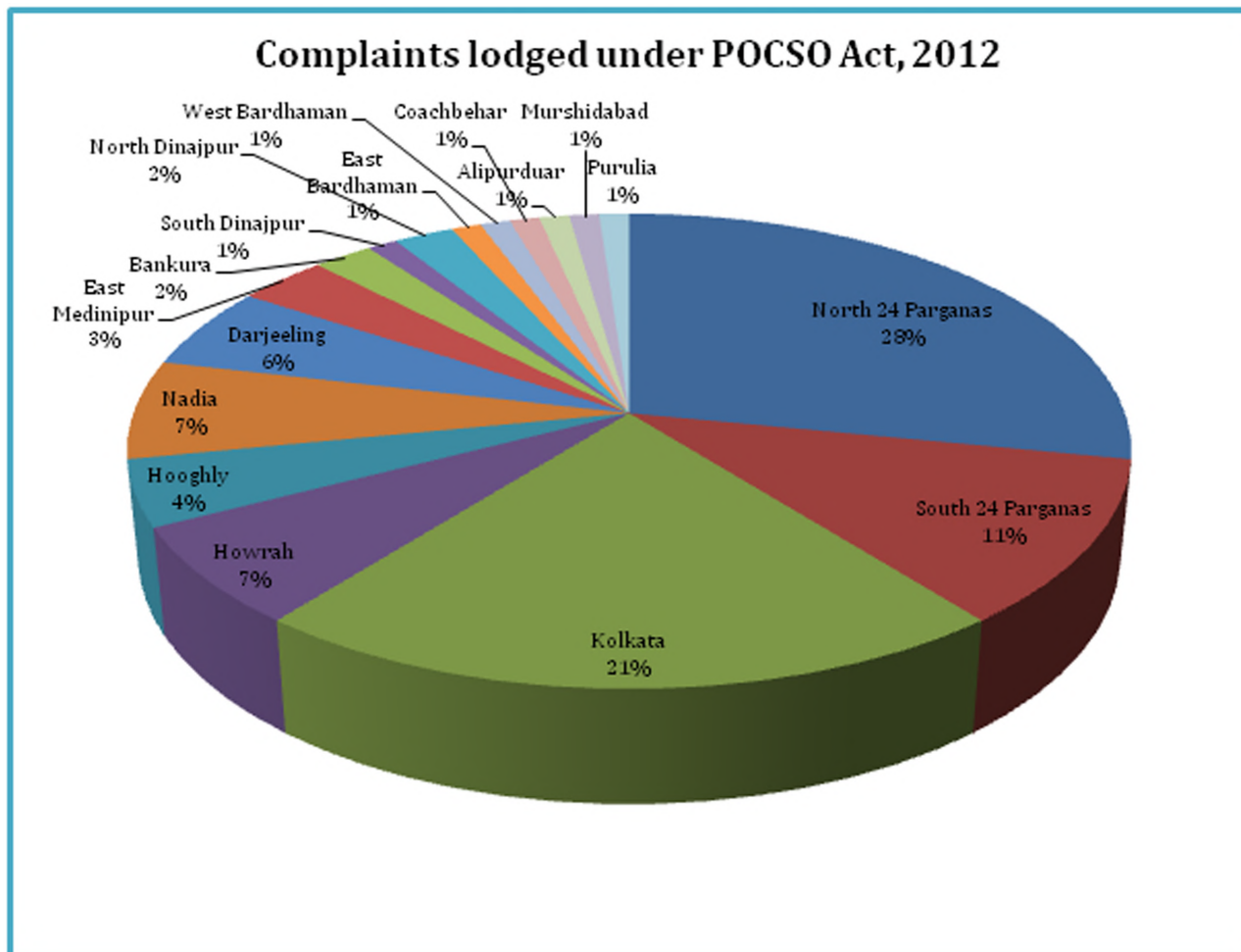


The complaints addressed by WBCPCR under JJ Act were on:

Granting Child care leave for adopted child, protection of a minor girl, detention of a teenager in home, rescue of minor girls, and prayer for child custody.

C. Complaints lodged under POCSO Act, 2012 (between 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018)

State / District	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
North 24 Parganas	25	NGO - 2 Individual - 11	12	Under Process - 25
South 24 Parganas	10	Individual - 2 West Bengal Commission for Women - 1	7	Under Process - 10
Kolkata	19	Individual - 5 NGO - 1	13	Under Process - 19
Howrah	6		6	Under Process - 6
Hooghly	4	Individual - 1	3	Under Process - 4
Nadia	6		6	Under Process - 6
Darjeeling	5	Individual - 1 NGO - 2	2	Under Process - 5
East Medinipur	3	NGO - 1	2	Under Process - 3
Bankura	2	Individual - 1	1	Under Process - 2
South Dinajpur	1	West Bengal Commission for Women - 1		Under Process - 1
North Dinajpur	2		2	Under Process - 2
East Bardhaman	1		1	Under Process - 1
West Bardhaman	1		1	Under Process - 1
Coochbehar	1		1	Under Process - 1
Alipurduar	1		1	Under Process - 1
Murshidabad	1		1	Under Process - 1
Purulia	1	Individual - 1		Under Process - 1



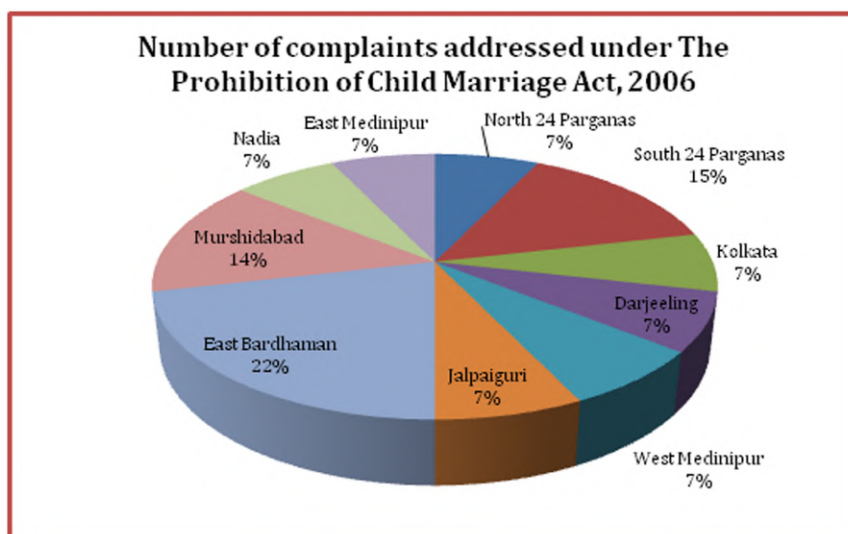
The complaints addressed by WBCPCR under POCSO Act, 2012 were on:

Violation of child rights, molestation and rape of minor girls, sexual abuse and mental torture by private tutor, gang rape of minor girl, sexual abuse of children in child care institutions.

D. Complaints lodged related to Child Labour (between 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018)				
State / District	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
Kolkata	1	Individual - 1		Under Process - 1
Malda	1		1	Closed - 1

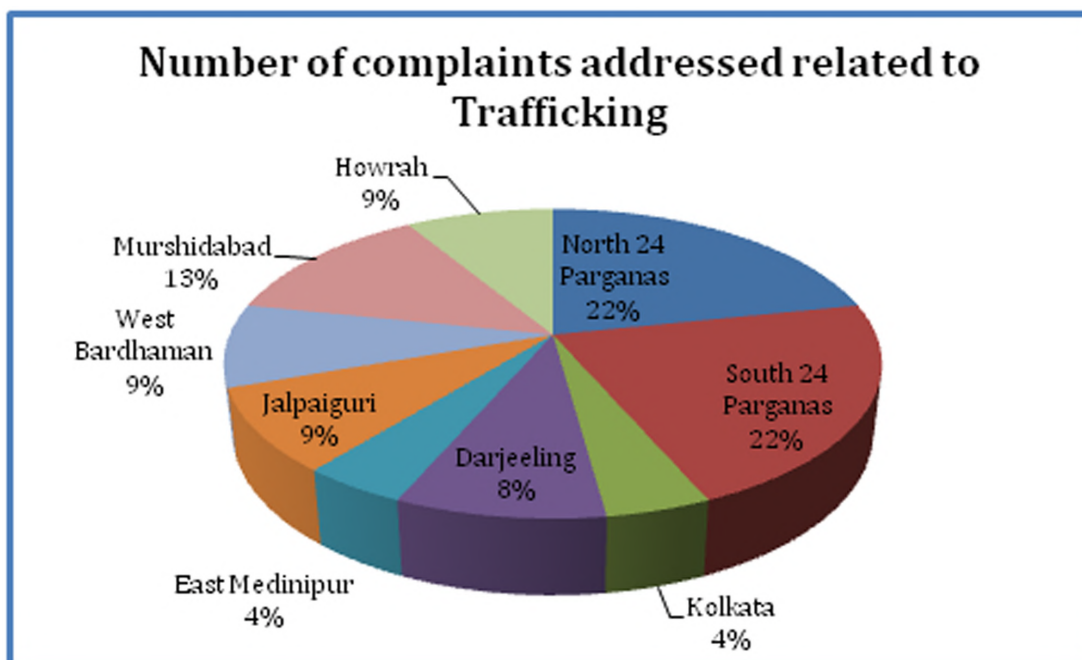
E. Complaints lodged under The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 (between 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018)

State / District	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
North 24 Parganas	1		1	Under Process - 1
South 24 Parganas	2	Individual - 1	1	Under Process - 2
Kolkata	1		1	Under Process - 1
Darjeeling	1	Individual - 1		Under Process - 1
West Medinipur	1		1	Under Process - 1
Jalpaiguri	1		1	Under Process - 1
East Bardhaman	3	Individual - 1	2	Under Process - 3
Murshidabad	2	Individual - 1	1	Under Process - 2
Nadia	1	Individual - 1		Under Process - 1
East Medinipur	1	BLCPC & BDO - 1		Under Process - 1
Total Complaints lodged	14			



The complaints addressed by WBCPCR under The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 were on: Violation of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, forcing children to give up school for marriage, rescue of minors being lured by marriage, stopping of marriage after the parents broke their assurance (affidavit); preventing false adhar cards being used as age proof in minor marriages.

F. Number of complaints addressed related to Trafficking (between 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018)				
State / District	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
North 24 Parganas	5	Individual - 1 NGO - 1	3	Under Process - 5
South 24 Parganas	5	Individual - 1 DSWO - 1	3	Under Process - 5
Kolkata	1	Individual - 1		Under Process - 1
Darjeeling	2		2	Under Process - 2
East Medinipur	1	BLCPC & BDO - 1		Under Process - 1
Jalpaiguri	2	Individual - 1 WBCW - 1		Under Process - 2
West Bardhaman	2	WBCW - 2		Under Process - 2
Murshidabad	3	Individual - 2	1	Under Process - 1
Howrah	2	NGO - 1	1	Under Process - 2
Number of total complaints received	23			

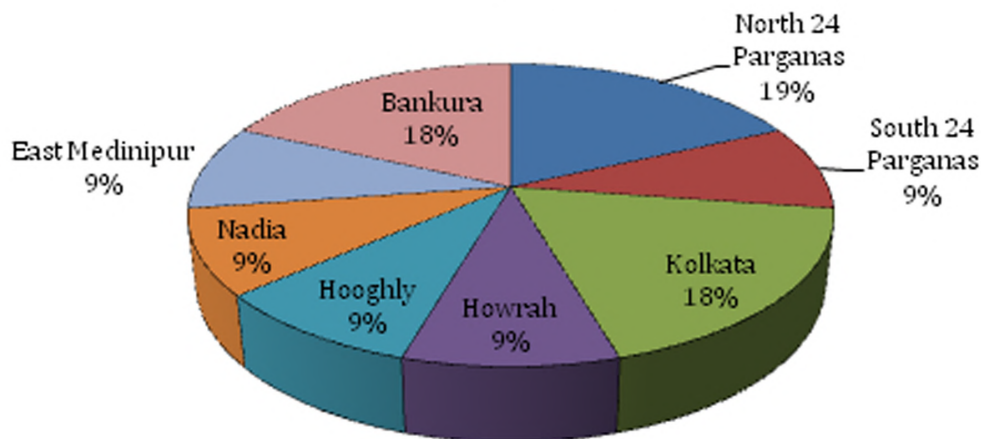


The complaints addressed by WBCPCR on Trafficking included selling and trafficking of girls due to poverty, in the guise of marriage, domestic labour . It also included trafficking for the purpose of begging and sex trade.

G. Number of complaints addressed related to custody battles (between 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018)

State / District	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
North 24 Parganas	2	Individual - 1	1	Under Process - 2
South 24 Parganas	1	WBCW - 1		Under Process - 1
Kolkata	2	Individual - 2		Under Process - 2
Howrah	1	Individual - 1		Under Process - 1
Hooghly	1		1	Under Process - 1
Nadia	1	Individual - 1		Under Process - 1
East Medinipur	1	NGO - 1		Under Process - 1
Bankura	2	Individual - 1	1	Under Process - 2
Number of total complaints received	11			

Number of complaints addressed related to custody battles

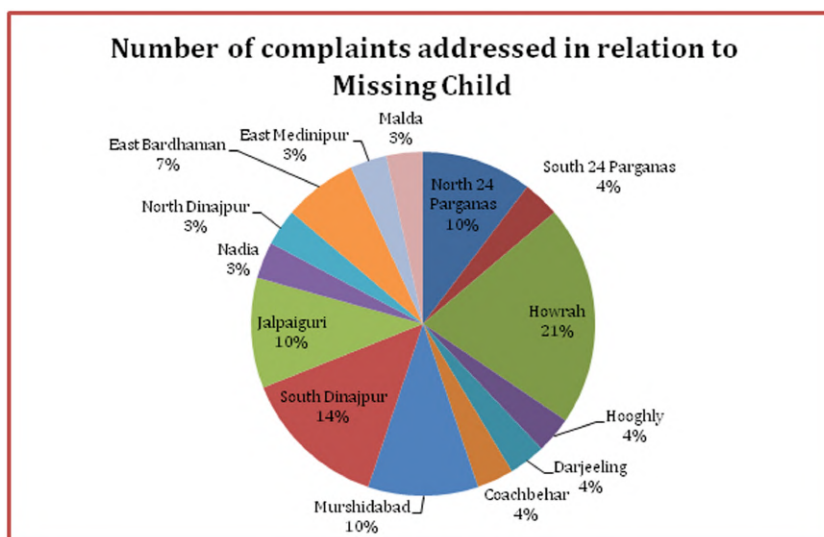


H. Number of complaints referred by NCPCR (between 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018)

State / District	Number of total complaints received	Actions taken
South 24 Parganas	1	Under Process - 1
Kolkata	2	Under Process - 2
Howrah	2	Under Process - 2
Murshidabad	1	Under Process - 1
West Medinipur	1	Under Process - 1
Nadia	1	Under Process - 1
Darjeeling	1	Under Process - 1
Jalpaiguri	2	Under Process - 2
Jhargram	1	Under Process - 1
Number of total complaints received	12	

The complaints referred by NCPCR were on: Sexual assault, child labour, child murder, sexual abuse of minor girls, cheating related to adoption, deprivation of fundamental rights of children.

I. Number of complaints addressed in relation to Missing Child (between 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018)				
State / District	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
North 24 Parganas	3	Individual - 2 NGO - 1		Under Process - 3
South 24 Parganas	1	Individual - 1		Under Process - 1
Howrah	6	Individual - 4 DCPS - 1 WBCW - 1		Under Process - 6
Hooghly	1	Individual - 1		Under Process - 1
Darjeeling	1	Legal Aid Forum - 1		Under Process - 1
Coachbehar	1	WBCW - 1		Under Process - 1
Murshidabad	3	NGO - 2	1	Under Process - 3
South Dinajpur	4	Individual - 3 WBCW - 1		Under Process - 3 Closed - 1
Jalpaiguri	3	NGO - 1 WBCW - 1	1	Under Process - 3
Nadia	1	Individual - 1		Under Process - 1
North Dinajpur	1	Individual - 1		Under Process - 1
East Bardhaman	2	Individual - 1 WBCW - 1		Under Process - 2
East Medinipur	1	NGO - 1		Under Process - 1
Malda	1	Individual - 1		Under Process - 1
Number of total complaints received	29			



The complaints addressed by WBCPCR on Missing were on: escape from home due to family violence, escape from school due to corporal punishment, escaped with peer group members to explore the outer world.

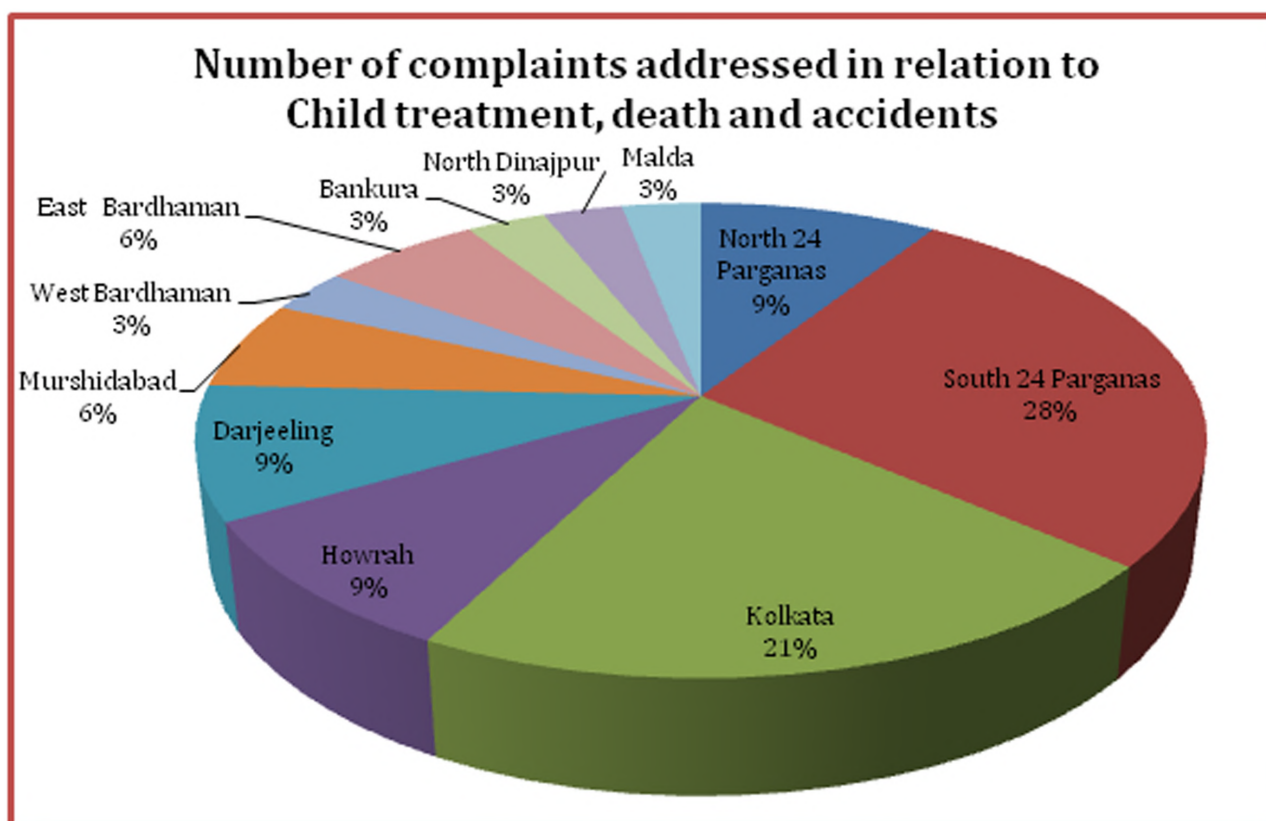
J. Number of complaints addressed in relation to Institution Internals (between 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018)

State / District	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
Kolkata	1	Individual - 1		Under Process - 1
Hooghly	1	NGO - 1		Under Process - 1
Number of total complaints received	2			

K. Number of complaints addressed in relation to Child treatment death and accidents (between 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018)

State / District	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
North 24 Parganas	3		3	Under Process - 3
South 24 Parganas	9		9	Under Process - 9
Kolkata	7	Individual - 1	6	Under Process - 6 Closed - 1
Howrah	3	DSWO - 1	2	Under Process - 2 Closed - 1
Darjeeling	3	Individual- 1 DLSA - 1	1	Under Process - 3

State / District	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
Murshidabad	2		2	Under Process - 2
West Bardhaman	1		1	Under Process - 1
East Bardhaman	2		2	Under Process - 2
Bankura	1		1	Under Process - 1
North Dinajpur	1		1	Under Process - 1
Malda	1		1	Under Process - 1
Number of total complaints received	33			

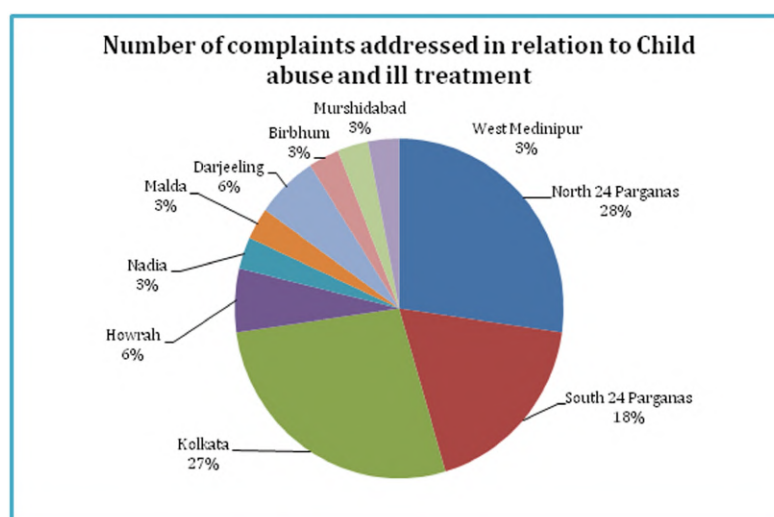


The complaints addressed by WBCPCR on Child treatment, death and accidents included:

Drowning in ponds, working in hazardous industries, death due to negligence from the end of hospital authorities and lack of proper treatment.

L. Number of complaints addressed in relation to Child abuse and ill treatment (between 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018)

State / District	Number of total complaints received	Complainants	Suo motu cognizance	Actions taken
North 24 Parganas	9	Individual - 5 WCDSW - 1	3	Under Process - 8 Closed - 1
South 24 Parganas	6	Individual - 2	4	Under Process - 5 Closed - 1
Kolkata	9	Individual - 5 NGO - 2	2	Under Process - 9
Howrah	2	Individual - 1	1	Under Process - 2
Nadia	1		1	Under Process - 1
Malda	1		1	Under Process - 1
Darjeeling	2	NGO - 1	1	Under Process - 2
Birbhum	1	Individual - 1		Under Process - 1
Murshidabad	1		1	Closed - 1
West Medinipur	1		1	Under Process - 1
East bardhaman	1		1	Under Process-1
Number of total complaints received	34			



The complaints addressed by WBCPCR on child abuse and ill treatment included: physical torture both in school and residence and verbal abuse (mostly in school)

Case Studies

Case Study I

The Commission took suo-motu cognizance of a case of sexual assault of a four (4) year old girl Mahi (name changed) within the school premises by the teacher of the same school. The Hon'ble Chairperson with one of the consultants visited the school and met the Principal, who was reluctant to answer anything. Lot of agitation and protests were going on, outside the school premises. A demand was made to arrest the Principal, since she was trying to suppress the facts and was uncooperative. The school was temporarily shut down due to such agitation. Just as the re-opening of the school was important so was getting an answer from the Principal. With the intervention of the Hon'ble Chairperson WBCPCR, the school management was compelled to hold a meeting with the guardians, police and the Hon'ble Chairperson, West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights', on two different occasions to decide on the re-opening of the school with proper safety and security measures. At the initial stage during the meeting lot of complications, non-cooperation and diverse views of the attending parties was leading towards a near breakdown of the talks. But, the Hon'ble Chairperson played a crucial role in resolving the whole issue amicably. The Principal of the school was relieved of her duties and responsibilities with immediate effect. Most importantly, the school was re-opened. In presence of the Hon'ble Chairperson WBCPCR, various points were recorded in the form of minutes of the meeting, with regard to the safety and security of the school children and formation of guardians' association, to which the school management were also signatories. The guardians were thankful to the Hon'ble Chairperson for her paramount role. At present, the school to some extent has brought changes in its security system.

In the meantime, prior to suspension, the Principal had issued a letter to the guardians expressing her grave concern over the safety and security of the students of the school but she committed a grave offence of disclosing the name of the minor child, violating Section 74 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015.

The offence committed by the ex-Principal was immediately noted by the Commission and was unpardonable. The Commission issued a show-cause notice to the ex-Principal. Against the notice a reply was received by the Commission from the ex-Principal wherein she had admitted the offence committed by her but at the same time had attempted to pass on her offence to the concerned Department of the said school. The Commission considered and rejected such unreasonable defensive statements of the ex-Principal. Admittedly, the ex-Principal had contravened the provisions of law.

Since the Commission is a monitoring and recommending body therefore, the Commission passed its recommendation on the concerned authority, to take appropriate action for conviction of the Principal under section 74 (1) of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of children) Act, 2015. Certain guidelines were also indicated in the said recommendation.

At present, the instant case is pending adjudication before the Trial Court as well as Hon'ble Calcutta High Court. In the light of such unfortunate incidents happening WBCPCR has prepared guidelines for 'child safe policy' in schools. Even the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court, is on its way to prepare SOP/Guidelines and has appointed 'amicus curiae' to set up a team of experts in the field of education (Juveniles) for children between 6 yrs to 18 yrs to prepare guidelines for 'child safe policy'. The Hon'ble Chairperson, WBCPCR, is one among the team of experts. As per request of the amicus curiae appointed by the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court, the guidelines for 'child safe policy' prepared by the team of WBCPCR was handed over to the amicus curiae for assisting him to prepare the said SOP.

Case Study II

Nafisa Alam (name changed), a 16 year old girl, resident of Diamond Harbour, South 24 Parganas was trafficked in May,2017 from her locality. She was allured by expressions of love and a happy married life. She was dumped in a brothel in GB Road, Delhi and had to serve customers day and night under drugs and sedatives. However Nafisa gathered courage to escape from the Red Light area with the help of a customer after 4-5 months and reached Bengal Police at Sealdah Railway Station.

The West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights(WBCPCR) took cognizance of the matter and WBCPCR team visited 'Sneha', Child Care Institute (CCI), South 24 Parganas, where the minor was kept after being rescued. She was brought to the home on 14th September,2018 and was kept for a month. WBCPCR further tried to understand and analyze the situation, for recommendation based on urgent requirement of the victim girl, who was produced before Child Welfare Committee (CWC).

The District Administration South 24 Parganas was also requested by WBCPCR for constant follow up and for Nafisa's Kanyashree benefits, extra support for education as well as victim compensation for her.

She was taken through the counseling process as per the CWC orders and has been restored to her family. She is continuing with her studies from Diamond Harbour Balika Vidya Niketan and is expected to further appear for her class X Board exams. Nafisa benefited from the Kanyashree scheme and is now under the support and observation of the District Administration. WBCPCR is on constant follow up.

She has shown positive signs of recovery from her trauma and is on her way back to the mainstream by socializing and joining back regular course of work. In between she also aided the police and an NGO to identify her perpetrators. She requires to be appreciated for her bravery and resilience.

Case Study III

Manasi Ray (name changed) - a girl from Class V was refused admission at a school in New Barrackpore for being underage. Due to lack of assistance and guidance from educational authorities, her father lodged a complaint at the Commission. After carefully going through the case, the Commission decided to call for a hearing. The first hearing could not take place due to the absence of the Headmaster of the said school. In the second hearing the Chairperson, Managing Members of the Commission, Legal Consultant, complainant and the school authorities were all present. After hearing both parties, conclusion was drawn by the Chairperson recommending immediate admission of Manasi and for the school to take appropriate measures to make up of for the classes she had missed. She was admitted in the school shortly afterwards.

6. Activities and Programmes undertaken

I. Visits from the Commission

Throughout the year, the Chairperson, Members and the Consultants visited several Child Care Institutions across West Bengal to assess the situation of children and also to resolve any complaint lodged to the Commission by the district administration authority, electronic and print media report and individual citizens, even sometimes by anonymous persons.

As WBCPCR is a statutory body to monitor the implementation of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009. So, both Public and Private schools have been visited to examine and review the safeguards for rights and recommend measures for their effective implementation. The Commission has taken proactive steps based on complaints against the Head of institution, a particular teacher/ a group of teachers, School Management Committee by visiting schools, meeting with the authorities, sending letters to concerned authorities and conducting Hearings if required. The Commission has taken suo motu cognizance in a large number of cases before police has taken any action.

As per the POCSO Act, WBCPCR is assigned to monitor the implementation of the Act. So, the Commission takes suo motu cognizance and also takes action based on complaints lodged by individuals, Non- Government Organisations, other Commissions etc

Members and Chairperson of the Commission along with the consultants visit regularly Child Care Institutions across all districts of West Bengal to monitor the standards of care and protection followed by the CCIs (as per JJ Act,2015).

Based on the nature and gravity of the complaint, the Chairperson, Members, Consultants visit police stations, attend court proceedings, meet the survivors, visited hospitals and health centres, ICDS centres, correctional homes to do a comprehensive assessment.

II. Activities:

- Bimal Gurung was summoned a number of times by the Commission for involving school children in political rallies but he denied the order of the Commission. The Commission further ordered the concerned District Administration to attach his property and issue a Warrant of arrest.
- How child marriage ruins one's personal development and ultimately results in the brutal murder of another child has been revealed by the social enquiry report of the Purulia child abuse case .The District Magistrate of Purulia submitted the report of the Social enquiry of the POCSO case (July, 2017) to the West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights where a three year old girl succumbed to death being sexually tortured with needles by her step father. The enquiry was ordered by the Chairperson.
- A young team of footballers has been formed with the residents of Kishalaya Home under the guidance of the famous transgender football coach 'Boni Pal'. Two members of the football team of Kishalay Home got invited to the Under 17 State trial camp.
- West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child rights had several meetings with the Syllabus Committee on School Education, Government of West Bengal throughout the year. On the basis of the outcome of the meetings the WBCPCR strongly recommended the introduction of gender sensitive syllabi in schools. WBCPCR proposed incorporation of three issues in the syllabus- a) Alternative

Sexuality b) POCSO Act c) Adoption along with training and sensitization programme for school teachers.

- One day joint consultation with Save the Children on the Implementation of RTE in West Bengal was held on 25th April, 2017 at WBCPCR office, ICMARD Building. WBCPCR sent its 10 point recommendations such as setting up of more residential schools for specially-abled children, publishing multilingual school text books to help migrant children of other states to continue their school education in West Bengal to the concerned departments and CMO.
- WBCPCR has started to visit Dum Dum Central Correctional Home on a regular basis to assess the situation of children there. WBCPCR also organised a cultural programme in Dum Dum Central Correctional Home where children of inmates enjoyed a magic show as part of the Child Rights Week celebrations, on 16th Dec, 2017
- Quarterly review meetings with Police and CWC, DCPOs and DSWOs, Superintendents of Government and NGO run CCIs are conducted on a regular basis

III. Child Friendly Fair

- The Commission had decided that from 2016 the Poush Mela at Santiniketan would be celebrated as a “Child Friendly and Child Labour free fair”. This was a first in the state of West Bengal, a fair or festival had been recognised as a Child Labour Free Fair. In 2017 WBCPCR organised a Child Friendly corner in Poushmela in collaboration with the District Administration of Birbhum. Each child was given a hand band stating their name, address and contact numbers. This band was available in all hotels, railway stations bus terminus and bus stations and at all entrance gates of the fair.
- WBCPCR had organised a Child friendly stall at the 42nd International Kolkata Bookfair in the month of January, 2018 where children from all over Kolkata and nearby districts performed and renowned personalities also participated, performed and took sessions on child sexual abuse, origami etc.

IV. Awards from WBCPCR

- In 2016 WBCPCR introduced Bravery Awards for children, “Birangana and Birpurush Puraskar”. Girls and boys across the state who play active roles in prevention of child marriage and child abuse, facilitate education & other child rights issues and thus inspire others are felicitated and awarded with trophies and certificates. In 2017, 16 girls and 5 boys received the award.
- In 2017 the Commission introduced media Awards based on Child Rights reporting – Shishushree. The main objective of introducing Shishushree Awards is to sensitize media and society on protection of child rights and the rights of minors. WBCPCR aspires to recognize and honour those journalists of Bengal from print, electronic and new media (in Bengali & English) who have endeavoured to uphold child sensitive issues in a responsible manner and thereby sensitized readers and viewers.

V. Observance of Days

- The State Child Protection Day was observed by WBCPCR on 9th June, 2017 in partnership with the Department of Women & Child Development & Social Welfare, UNICEF and other civil society organizations. The programme became more spontaneous with the active participation of children from different districts of West Bengal.

□ The Commission celebrated Child Rights Week from 14th – 20th November in 2017 all over West Bengal. More than 15, 000 Children from all districts participated in the week long programmes in their respective districts. In order to observe Child Rights Week in Kolkata WBCPCR organised a wonderful tram rally where five trams full of children converged in Esplanade – Dharmtala tram depot from five different points of Kolkata.

The week long programme came to its conclusion with the celebration of International Child Rights Day by the WBCPCR at the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, Salt lake on 21st November in 2017. More than 1200 people including 600 children from all the districts participated in the programme. Ministers, police, NGOs and a number of celebrities took part in the programme.

□ The Commission celebrated the National Girl Child Day on 20th January, 2018 at Dhruvashram CCI with the residents. A colourful cultural programme and picnic was organised on that day. The Commission believes that the male child should also be involved in bringing changes to promote gender equity and equality as they are crucial stakeholders, but most of the time they are excluded from any such effort. So this year, the Commission wanted to celebrate the National Girl Child Day with residents of Dhruvashram CCI. Moreover, ‘children in conflict with law’ are often stigmatised and are devoid of freedom unlike children in need of care and protection.

VI. Workshops/Seminars/Conferences organised by WBCPCR in collaboration with the District Administration /NGOs

● A Round table Discussion on Promoting Active Citizenship among Children’ in partnership with Vikramshila Education Resource Society was held on 30th June, 2017. It was an attempt to bring together a range of practitioners and researchers who have been promoting the participation of children and young people. The purpose was to stimulate discussion and invite ideas for further action, from government, civil society, children, media and academics.

● State Level Consultation Workshop on POCSO Act: The WBCPCR organized and implemented a “State Level Consultation Workshop on POCSO Act, 2012 & Child Rights and Child Trafficking” at Bolpur in the district of Birbhum on 22nd July, 2017 covering seven districts of West Bengal- Nadia, Birbhum, Bankura, East and West Burdwan, Purulia and Murshidabad.

● Workshop on Child labour and Child Marriage: The Commission organised a two day Consultation Workshop on Child labour and Child Marriage in collaborating with NCPCR in Baharampur, Murshidabad on 30-31st Oct, 2017. The intention was to establish a wide network among stakeholders such as the police, DSWOs, DCPOs, CWCs, NGOS and all those who are involved along with care providers to generate awareness on the issues. A walk was organised on 31st where prevention of early marriage was the theme. Dr Shashi Panja - the Hon’ble Minister of State for Women & Child Development and Social Welfare (IC), Chairperson of WBCPCR along with members & a member of NCPCR also participated.

● WBCPCR in collaboration with International Justice Mission (IJM) India, organized ‘Dissemination of Study on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Kolkata’ on 30th November 2017. This scientific and in-depth research measures the prevalence of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) in hotspot areas of Kolkata and the surroundings areas, as well as highlights the networks of the sex trade in private establishments.

● The WBCPCR in collaboration with Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre organised “International

Conference on Anti-Human Trafficking Initiatives: Theory to Practice” on 25th and 26th November 2017 at ICCR. The Commission sought to bring together stakeholders involved in Anti Human Trafficking initiatives to discuss the emergence of trafficking at a global level, assess the current situation, and review best practices to combat this heinous crime.

- The WBCPCR organised a State Level Consultation jointly with the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPDR) on ‘State Level Consultation on legal aspects to Combat Child Trafficking and POCSO, 2012’, on 19th December, 2017 to take stock of, prioritize and advance activities to combat child trafficking for the purpose of sexual slavery, bonded and forced labour or any form of commercial sexual exploitation and POCSO, 2012. Magistrates, police, district officials, NGOs and a number of School Authorities participated in the programme.

- WBCPCR organised an Inter State Consultation in collaboration with Save the Children on the issue of Right to Education for migrant children on 10th January, 2018 and jointly prepared and signed a set of recommendations.

- WBCPCR in collaboration with Vikramshila Education Resource Society has organised a state level consultation on “Role of Madrasah Education in ensuring Right to Education – Reality and Perception” on 26th March 2018.

VI Training session organised for Members, Consultants and other staff

- A training programme on POCSO Act for the members of WBCPCR was organised jointly with Justice and Care.

- An intensive training on JJ Act and POCSO has been organised by an expert on child rights issue who is a former JJB member and a member of the anti human trafficking task force

VII Research work

A joint study has been initiated by the Commission with Keertika on ‘Towards Educating the Life of a Child as a Citizen & Revisiting the Education System at School Levels: Findings from West Bengal.’ The preliminary findings on North Bengal have been disseminated with experts and stakeholders and a set of recommendations has been derived. After the dissemination in South Bengal, the final report will be published and the significant recommendations will be sent to the State from WBCPCR.

VIII. Safe School Policy

The Commission has formed a Drafting Committee with a few leading NGOs and started work on a ‘Safe School Policy’ to introduce child protection awareness in schools and equip them to implement, monitor and evaluate the same, on a regular basis. It will provide clear direction to staff and others about expected roles and responsibilities in dealing with child protection issues.

IX. Setting up of child friendly room

A Child Friendly Room has been set up in the Commission in January 2018 as children are often brought here for hearing of cases.

Many cases of Protection of Children from Sexual Offence (POCSO) are being heard in the commission. At the same time, cases in which children suffer due to disputes between parents are also heard in the commission. West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights (WBCPCR) is the first among such commissions in all other states in the country to have a child friendly space in its office, where children feel relaxed to speak out freely in a "congenial atmosphere".

X. Participation in Seminar/Conferences/ Meetings

- WBCPCR participated in the Sixth Anti Trafficking in Persons Conclave organised by Shakti Vahini in Patna , May 12-13 , 2017.
- WBCPCR participated in the Consultation on Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2015 and Model Rules 2016 on 8th and 9th July, 2017 in New Delhi. The consultation was to discuss important issues like State Rules on Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, best practices and steps for coordination and convergence within institutions towards effective implementation of the Act.
- WBCPCR participated in the Cross Regional Planning Meeting on Child Marriage Sub-National Consultations on 10-11 Sept, 2017 in Hyderabad.
- A two day Regional Conference on Child Marriage was held in Odisha on 4th & 5th January, 2018 to spread awareness to stop Child Marriage.
- WBCPCR participated in a one-day regional consultation organized by the NCPCR on Educational Discrimination- National Curriculum Framework (NCF) vs. Curriculum in Private Schools on 15th September 2017 in the Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Ajmer.
- WBCPCR participated in the Regional Workshop organized by NCPCR and Odisha SCPCR on 20th September, 2017 in Puri.

XI. Publication:

- Hullor: “ Hullor” published by WBCPCR is a quarterly magazine of and for the children targeted to cater to invisible and under-represented voices including CCL and CNCP children. They can voice their opinions, depict their dreams and illustrate their aspirations. Between 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 four issues of Hullor have been released.
- Website: The website of WBCPCR with more information and resources was relaunched on 9th June, 2017.
- Annual Report: The Annual Report has been published after the completion of formal procedure in Assembly
- IEC: IEC materials have been developed in the form of posters on Child Labour, POCSO, Child Marriage and RTE and a booklet on POCSO
- Annual Calendar: The Annual Calendar has been prepared based on the theme ‘ Right to Play’

XII. Awareness Initiative

- An audio spot on POCSO was aired on Fever FM, all through the month of December, 2017.

7. Significant Achievements

BONGALI

On 7th March, 2018 Kolkata witnessed a historical event –unveiling of Brand BONGALI. It is a new brand of Bengal Handloom cloth line and fashion accessories collection created by the residents of SMM Liluah home under the guidance of internationally acclaimed fashion designer Bibi Russell. Logo of BONGALI has been conceptualized and designed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal Smt. Mamata Banerjee. It is a joint initiative of the Department of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare and West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

Several looms in the Liluah Home were lying idle till the project with Bibi Russell started in April, 2017. Ms Ananya Chakraborti, Chairperson of WBCPCR with the support of Dr. Shashi Panja, MOS (IC), Department of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare invited Bibi Russell to revamp and use the looms. Bibi Russell believes that a common man also has the right to be fashionable. She trained the residents of Liluah home for a year in a way that will hold them in good stead in future and will provide them with a living. A variety of textile, sari and accessories as well as a range of recycled products have been made by them. These girls not only created the products, they walked the ramp in fineries created by them before an august gathering to the music & songs of Surma Dohar, the acclaimed folk band.

On that day, a number of celebrities from every sector were present like actor Prosenjit Chatterjee, actress Indrani Halder, eminent artist Subhprasanna Bhattacharjee, Dr. Shashi Panja, MOS (IC), Department of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare, Vashali Dalmia (MLA), dancer Alokanda Roy. The audience was mesmerised by the glorious movement of the girls who walked the ramp. They seemed very confident and bold on stage. Through this initiative they have raised their confidence quotient, which will empower them to face the future. This is where uniqueness of the initiative lies.

FILING WRIT PETITION FOR ROHINGYAS

WBCPCR filed a writ petition at the Supreme Court challenging the Centre's notification to identify and deport all Rohingyas living in India. The WBCPCR feels the deportation of Rohingyas who have been described as one of the world's most persecuted minorities by the United Nation from India is synonymous to throwing them into the jaws of death.

8. Recommendations of WBCPCR 2017-18

1. The Commission recommends that the Safe School Policy should be notified by the West Bengal Government, so that it can be implemented in all Government and private schools affiliated by all Boards and also Madrasahs
2. The Commission recommends that the findings of the study jointly done by WBCPCR and Keertika on 'Towards Educating the Life of a Child as a Citizen & Revisiting the Education System at School Levels in West Bengal' would reflect on the steps taken up by the department of Education. Moreover, it is a pilot study done with 130 schools across West Bengal, so it is recommended that a study in larger scale would be done with the support of the Department of education, West Bengal based on the findings of the pilot study.
3. The Commission recommends that the issues of mental health of children in Child Care Institutions should be prioritized. It also recommends that a mental health risk analysis among children should be done. A robust mechanism of monitoring to prevent all kinds of abuses against children including training of caregivers should be considered.
4. The Commission recommends to relook the provisions of POCSO Act, 2012.

9. Functions and Powers of WBCPCR

13. (1) The Commission shall perform all or any of the following functions, namely:

- (a) examine and review the safeguards provided by or under any law for the time being in force for the protection of child rights and recommend measures for their effective implementation;
- (b) present to the Central Government, annually and at such other intervals, as the Commission may deem fit, reports upon the working of those safeguards;
- (c) inquire into violation of child rights and recommend initiation of proceedings in such cases;
- (d) examine all factors that inhibit the enjoyment of rights of children affected by terrorism, communal violence, riots, natural disaster, domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, trafficking, maltreatment, torture and exploitation, pornography and prostitution and recommend appropriate remedial measures;
- (e) look into the matters relating to children in need of special care and protection including children in distress, marginalized and disadvantaged children, children in conflict with law, juveniles, children without family and children of prisoners and recommend appropriate remedial measures;
- (f) study treaties and other international instruments and undertake periodical review of existing policies, programmes and other activities on child rights and make recommendations for their effective implementation in the best interest of children;
- (g) undertake and promote research in the field of child rights;
- (h) spread child rights literacy among various sections of the society and promote awareness of the safeguards available for protection of these rights through publications, the media, seminars and other available means;
- (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 the Central Government or any State Government or any other authority, including any institution run by a social organisation, 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;
- (j) inquire into complaints and take suo motu notice of matters relating to,—
 - i) deprivation and violation of child rights;
 - ii) non-implementation of laws providing for protection and development of children;
 - iii) non-compliance of policy decisions, guidelines or instructions aimed at mitigating hardships to and ensuring welfare of the children and to provide relief to such children, or take up the issues arising out of such matters with appropriate authorities; and
- (k) such other functions as it may consider necessary for the promotion of child rights and any other matter incidental to the above functions.

(2) The Commission shall not inquire into any matter which is pending before a State Commission or any other Commission duly constituted under any law for the time being in force.

14. Power relating to inquiries,— (1) The Commission shall, while inquiring into any matter referred to in clause (j) of sub-section (1) of section 13 have all the powers of a civil court trying a suit under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (5 of 1908) and, in particular, in respect of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath;
- (b) discovery and production of any document;
- (c) receiving evidence on affidavits;
- (d) requisitioning any public record or copy thereof from any court or office; and
- (e) issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses or documents.

(2) The Commission shall have the power to forward any case to a Magistrate having jurisdiction to try the same and the Magistrate to whom any such case is forwarded shall proceed to hear the complaint against the accused as if the case has been forwarded to him under section 346 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974).

15. Steps after inquiry.— The Commission may take any of the following steps upon the completion of an inquiry held under this Act, namely:—

- (i) where the inquiry discloses, the Commission of violation of child rights of a serious nature or contravention of provisions of any law for the time being in force, it may recommend to the concerned Government or authority the initiation of proceedings for prosecution or such other action as the Commission may deem fit against the concerned person or persons;
- (ii) approach the Supreme Court or the High Court concerned for such directions, orders or writs as that Court may deem necessary;
- (iii) recommend to the concerned Government or authority for the grant of such interim relief to the victim or the members of his family as the Commission may consider necessary.

10. Auditor's Report and Balance Sheet

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West Bengal Commission For Protection Of Child Rights - WBCPCR

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AUDITORS' REPORT

We report that we have audited the Balance sheet of WEST BENGAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS, an autonomous entity under the Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act 2005 as at 31st. March, 2018, the Income & Expenditure Account and the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended as on that date, all annexed here to. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the Commission.. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosure in the financial statements. An audit also includes assuring the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, proper books of account as required have been kept by the Commission so far as appears from our examination of those books. The Balance Sheet, the Income & Expenditure Account and the Receipts & Payments Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the Books of Account.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of the audit.

In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Commission, visited by us, so far as appears from our examination of those books.

In our opinion, and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view :

- (a) in the case of the Balance sheet of the state of affairs of the Commission for their Account as at 31st. March, 2018; and
- (b) in the case of the Income & Expenditure Account of the excess of expenditure over income of its accounting year ended as on that date.

For **GAUTAM BASU & CO.**

Chartered Accountants
Firm Registration No.313010E


(GAUTAM BASU)

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SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2017-18.

West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights has been formed to meet the objectives stated under the Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005 at the state level. It is formed as an autonomous entity under the Child Development and Women Development & Social Welfare Department Government of West Bengal having separate set of books of accounts and bank accounts.

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- i. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention following cash basis of accounting.

2. FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

- i. Fixed assets are stated net of Depreciation. Any addition during the year comprises purchase price inclusive of duties, taxes, and incidental expenses if any, as applicable.

3. REVENUE RECOGNITION

Revenue is recognized as and when received. Grants are recognized in the accounts only when the grant is received by the Commission. During the year 2017-2018 Govt Grant received and credited to the bank for an amount of Rs. 100.22 Lacs. Other Grants received by the Commission during the year 2017-18 was Rs.31.19 lacs.

NOTES OF THE ACCOUNTS

- a. Since there was nil cash in hand on 31.03.2018 no specified bank note deposited in Bank Account (during the year ended 31 st March, 2018) Cash balance as on 31.03.2018 has been certified by the Management of the Commission.
- b. Depreciation/ has been provided on Furniture. @ 10% AC Machine @ 15% & on Computer @ 20%.



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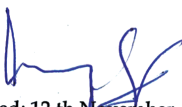
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2018

<u>LIABILITIES</u>	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	<u>ASSETS</u>	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
<u>Capital Fund :</u>			<u>Furniture :</u>		
As per Last A/c	24202272.15		As per Last A/c	844250.40	
Less : Deficit- Transfer from I & E A/c.	<u>20826973.56</u>	3375298.59	Add : Addition during the year	318842.00	
				<u>1163092.40</u>	
			Less : Depreciation	115186.40	1047906.00
			<u>AC Maachine :</u>		
			As per Last A/c	426304.00	
			Less : Depreciation	<u>63946.00</u>	362358.00
			<u>Computer :</u>		
			As per Last A/c	473596.80	
			Add : Addition during the year	<u>897961.50</u>	
				1371558.30	
			Less : Depreciation	<u>497078.00</u>	874480.30
			<u>Advance for IEC Material</u>		301056.00
			<u>Closing Balance as on 31.03.2018 :</u>		
			Balance with Axis Bank	601533.00	
			Balance with Corporation Bank	<u>187965.29</u>	789498.29
			<u>3375298.59</u>		<u>3375298.59</u>

As Per Our Report Annexed
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Firm Registration No. : 313010E


Dated; 12 th November, 2018
Ananya Chakraborti
Chairperson
West Bengal Commission for
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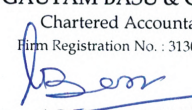
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2018

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	<u>INCOME</u>	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
Rent & Service Tax		3395942.00	Grant Recd From State Govt	10022415.00	
Bibi Russell & Liluah Home Expenses		689011.00	Grant Recd From NCPCR	596100.00	
Car Allowance of Members		233695.00	Recd From UNICEF	2523225.00	
Car Hiring of C.P. & Secretary		773158.00	Bank Interest (Corporation Bank)	529378.19	
Child Protection & Child Rights Day		4744231.00	Bank Interest (Axis Bank)	56333.00	
Electricity & Water Tax		365865.00	Miscellaneous Receipts	97124.65	
Consultant Fees		2657499.00			
Honorarium to C.P. & Members		2144823.00			
IEC Printed Materials		3600915.00	Deficit - Transfer to Capital		20826973.56
Meeting & Seminars Expenses		6661712.00	Fund Account		
Office Expenses & Other Charges		2764391.00			
Office Telephone Charges		169825.00			
Annual Report & Magazine Printing		1430254.00			
Public Hearing /Home Visit/ School Visit		221145.00			
Telephone Bill Reimbursement of CP & Members		99236.00			
Research Work with NGO		682000.00			
Sarba Siksha Mission		2666823.00			
Sishusree Awards		355600.00			
Wages of Group D		319214.00			
Depreciation on					
Furniture	115186.40				
AC Machine	63946.00				
Computer	497078.00	676210.40			
		<u>34651549.40</u>			<u>34651549.40</u>


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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2018

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
<u>Opening Balance as on 01.04.2017</u>			Rent & Service Tax	3395942.00	
FD with Corporation Bank	17441363.00		Bibi Russell & Liluah Home Expenses	689011.00	
Cash at Corporation Bank	15757.95	17457120.95	Car Allowance of Members	233695.00	
Grant Recd From State Govt.		14979508.00	Car Hiring of C.P. & Secretary	773158.00	
Grant Recd From NCPDR		596100.00	Child Protection & Child Rights Day	4744231.00	
Recd From UNICEF		2523225.00	Electricity & Water Tax	365865.00	
Bank Interest (Corporation Bank)		529378.19	Consultant Fees	2657499.00	
Bank Interest (Axis Bank)		56333.00	Honorarium to C.P. & Members	2144823.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts		97124.65	IEC Printed Materials	3600915.00	
Govt. Allotment Received from State Govt.		5001000.00	Meeting & Seminars Expenses	6661712.00	
TDS		504267.00	Telephone Bill Reimbursement of CP & Members	99236.00	
			Office Telephone Charges	169825.00	
			Annual Report & Magazine Printing	1430254.00	
			Public Hearing /Home Visit/ School Visit	221145.00	
			Office Expenses & Other Charges	2764391.00	
			Research Work with NGO	682000.00	
			Sarba Siksha Mission	2666823.00	
			Sishusree Awards	355600.00	
			Wages of Group D	319214.00	
			TDS	504267.00	
			Advance for IEC Material	301056.00	
			Grant Recd From State Govt.- Refunded	4957093.00	
			Furniture	318842.00	
			Computer	897961.50	
			<u>Closing Balance as on 31.03.2018 :</u>		
			Balance with Axis Bank	601533.00	
			Balance with Corporation Bank	187965.29	789498.29
		<u>41744056.79</u>			<u>41744056.79</u>


Dated; 12 th November, 2018
Ananya Chakraborti
Chairperson
West Bengal Commission for
Protection of Child Rights
Govt. of West Bengal

As Per Our Report Annexed
for GAUTAM BASU & CO.
Chartered Accountants
Firm Registration No. : 313010E

(GAUTAM BASU)
Proprietor
Membership No. : 050924

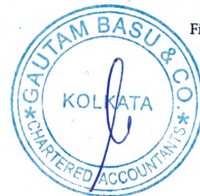


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**‘ছল্লোড়’-এ
প্রকাশ হচ্ছে
গোপন কথা**

পারিজাত বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়
রাজ্যের বিভিন্ন প্রান্তের হোম থেকে পাঠানো ছেলেমেয়েদের গল্প-কবিতা বাছতে গিয়ে শিশু অধিকার ও সুরক্ষা আয়োগের কর্তাদের চোখ আটকে গিয়েছিল লেখাটার উপরে।

নদিয়ার কৃষ্ণনগরের মেয়েদের হোমের এক আবাসিক, ক্লাস এইটের পাপিয়া দাসের লেখা। সাদা খাতার ছেঁড়া পাতায় কোনো কালিতে গোটা গোটা হরফে ‘এক ইতিহাসের কথা’ নাম দিয়ে গল্প লিখেছে সে। তার বিষয়বস্তু চমকে দিয়েছিল কর্তাদের— ‘এক সাহেব ভাণ্ডারীর তীরে আশ্রম খুলেছিলেন। সেখানে অসহায় মেয়েরা থাকত। হঠাৎ সাহেব মারা যেতে সব শেষ হয়ে গেলে। এখানে মেয়েরা যা হাতের কাজ করত সব বন্ধ। তারা টাকা পায় না। মেয়েদের জন্য সরকার থেকে টাকা আসছে। কিন্তু তারা ভাল নেই। অসহায় ভাল করে যেতে দিচ্ছে না। আশা ভেঙে আজ নিরাশা তৈরি হয়েছে। তারা বাঁচাও বাঁচাও বলে সরকারকে ডাকছে।’

এটা গল্প, নাকি গল্প লিখতে গিয়ে কলমে উঠে আসা বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতার ইতিহাস? দেরি না করে ওই হোম সম্পর্কে খোঁজখবর নেওয়া শুরু করেন কর্তারা। জানতে পারেন, ওই হোমেই কয়েক বছর আগে এক আবাসিককে নিরাপত্তাকামী ধরপ করেছিল বলে অভিযোগ উঠেছিল। অভিযুক্ত ধরাও পড়েছিল।

তার পরেও কি তা হলে হোম সব কিছু ঠিকঠাক চলছে না? তা দেখতে গত জুলাই মাসেই ওই হোম পরিদর্শনে যান কর্তারা। কথা বলেন আবাসিক মেয়েদের সঙ্গে। শিশু আয়োগ সূত্রে খবর, সেখানে খোঁজ মেলে বেশ কিছু অনিয়মের। বছর চোদ্দোর কিশোরীর কলমে উঠে আসা গল্প যে নিছক গল্প ছিল না, সেটাও প্রতিষ্ঠিত হয়।

এই ভাবে সরকারি ও সরকারি সাহায্যপ্রাপ্ত ছোটদের হোমের অনেক অজানা অনিয়ম, আড়ালে থেকে যাওয়া যন্ত্রণা এবং না-বলা কথা যাতে আবাসিকদের লেখার মাধ্যমে সামনে আসে, সেই উদ্দেশ্যেই ব্রেমাসিক



পত্রিকা প্রকাশে উদ্যোগী হয়েছে শিশু আয়োগ। ‘ছল্লোড়’ নামে সেই পত্রিকার মাঠ আর জুন সংখ্যা ইতিমধ্যে প্রকাশিত। এটি বর্ধন করা হচ্ছে সমস্ত সরকারি জায়গায়, যাতে মন্ত্রী-আমলা সকলের চোখের সামনে বিষয়গুলি আসে।

আয়োগের চেয়ারপার্সন অনন্যা চক্রবর্তী এই পত্রিকাকে ‘এত দিন নথিভুক্ত না-হওয়া ইতিহাসের দলিল’ বলে ব্যাখ্যা করেছেন। জানিয়েছেন, কলকাতায় এবং প্রতিটি জেলায় এমন কিছু কর্মী নিয়োগ করা হয়েছে, যারা বিভিন্ন হোমে গিয়ে ছেলেমেয়েদের লেখা সংগ্রহ করে আনছেন। আবাসিকেরা কে কী লিখছে, তা হোমের সুপার বা অন্য কোনও কর্মীকে দেখতে দেওয়া হচ্ছে না। পাছে হোমের কোনও দুর্নীতি বা শিশু-কিশোরদের কোনও মানসিক-শারীরিক সমস্যার কথা জানাজানি হবে সুখতে পেয়ে হোম কর্তৃপক্ষ তা চাপা দেওয়ার চেষ্টা করেন। প্রয়োজন পড়লে মৌখিক ভাবে আবাসিকদের বক্তব্য সংগ্রহ করে এনে তা গল্পের আকারে ছাপা হচ্ছে।

কিন্তু প্রশ্ন উঠেছে, যদি এক বার কোনও কিশোর বা কিশোরী হোমের কোনও অনিয়ম বা নিজের কোনও সমস্যার কথা লেখার মাধ্যমে জানায়, তা হলে পরবর্তীকালে তাকে হোম কর্তৃপক্ষের কোণে পড়তে হবে না তো? অনন্যাদেবী বলেন, “আমাদের কর্মীরা নিয়মিত হোম পরিদর্শনে গিয়ে বাচ্চাদের সঙ্গে একান্তে কথা বলছেন। ফলে, তেমন কিছু হলে জানতে পারব। আর কৃষ্ণনগরের মতো যে সব হোম থেকে গুরুতর অভিযোগ মিলছে, সেখানে আলাদা করে জেলা শিশু নিরাপত্তা অফিসারেরা নজরদারি রাখছেন।”

শিশু আয়োগের মতে, গল্প বা কবিতার মোড়কে খোলাখুলি নিজের মানসিক আঘাত, ক্ষোভ বা শারীরিক নির্বাসনের কথা প্রকাশ করতে পারা, নিজের ভুল-অন্যায় স্বীকার করতে পারাটাও কিশোর-কিশোরীদের ক্ষেত্রে অনেকটা কাউন্সেলিংয়ের কাজ করছে। সেই সঙ্গে ডানা মেলেছে সৃজনশীলতা। ‘ছল্লোড়’ তাই ধামের নাম।

**শাড়ি বাজারে মমতার ব্র্যান্ড ‘বঙ্গালি’
উদ্বোধনে রাস্মে হাটবেন হোমের মহিলা আবাসিকরা**

এই সময়: বিশ্ব বাংলার পর বাজারে আসছে মুখ্যমন্ত্রী মমতা বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়ের তৈরি নতুন ব্র্যান্ড ‘বঙ্গালি’। বিশ্ব নারী দিবসের ঠিক আগের দিন, ৭ মার্চ আলিপুরের উত্তীর্ণ মুক্তমঞ্চে এর আনুষ্ঠানিক প্রকাশ করবেন মুখ্যমন্ত্রী। তার উপস্থিতিতে বঙ্গালি ব্র্যান্ডের শাড়ি ও গরম পুরে রাস্মে হাটবেন লিলুয়া হোমের মহিলা আবাসিকরা।



হোমের আবাসিকদের প্রশিক্ষণ দিচ্ছেন বিবি রাস্মে —ফাইল ছবি

বিশ্ব বাংলার মতো বঙ্গালি ব্র্যান্ডের লোগোয় ডিজাইন এবং নাম—সবই ঠিক করেছে মুখ্যমন্ত্রী নিজেই। তবে আনুষ্ঠানিক আয়োজকদের আগে জনসমক্ষে আনতে রাজি হননি সরকারি কর্তারা। তারা শুধু জানিয়েছেন, বঙ্গালি লোগো দেখতে হবে অনেকটা বাংলা ‘ব’ হরফের মতো। তার উপর বঙ্গালি লোগো থাকবে।

বীকটী পেয়েছে। লিলুয়া হোমের মহিলাদের দিয়েও এই শাড়ি বানানো হচ্ছে। ইমিটেশনের গহনা এবং ডিজাইনার ব্যাগও তৈরি করা হচ্ছে। শিশু-মহিলা ও সমাজকল্যাণ দপ্তরের মন্ত্রী শশী গাঙ্গা বলেন, ‘লিলুয়া হোমে আসেই তাত বোনার মেশিন ছিল। সেটাকে কাজে লাগিয়ে হোমের মেয়েদের দিয়ে গামছা শাড়ি তৈরি করা হচ্ছে। মুখ্যমন্ত্রী তার জন্য আলাদা বঙ্গালি ব্র্যান্ড এবং লোগো তৈরি করে দিয়েছেন। তাহা বাণিজ্যিক উৎপাদনের জন্য ভবিষ্যতে অন্যান্য সরকারি-হোমকেও এই কাজে সাপানো হবে। তবে শুধু হোমের মহিলা আবাসিকদের দিয়ে বাণিজ্যিক উৎপাদন চালিয়ে যাওয়া কতদিন সম্ভব হবে, তা নিয়ে ঘোড়ি সন্ধিহান তিনি। মন্ত্রীর কথায়, ‘হোমের মহিলারা কেউ স্থায়ী আবাসিক নয়। অনেক অনাধ মহিলা এখানে আসেন, আবার বাড়ি ফিরে যান। তাদের দিয়ে ধারাবাহিক উৎপাদন সম্ভব হবে কি না, সেটাও ভেবে দেখা হবে।’

সরকারি সুরে খবর, আশপাত শুধু রাজ্য সরকারের অধীনে থাকা বিভিন্ন সরকারি হোমের মহিলা আবাসিকদের উৎপাদিত প্যাসামম্বী বিক্রি করতে এই ব্র্যান্ডকে কাজে লাগানো হবে। এর অঙ্গ হিসেবে সমাজকল্যাণ দপ্তরের অধীনে থাকা লিলুয়া হোমের মহিলা আবাসিকদের দিয়ে কাপড় ও আলটার তৈরি প্রশিক্ষণ দেওয়া হয়েছে। সে কাজে সশিল হয়েছে ১১ জন রোহিঙ্গা মহিলাও। তাদের প্রশিক্ষণ দিচ্ছেন খ্যাতনামা ফ্যান ডিজাইনার বিবি রাস্মে। জানানো মাত্রই তিনি বঙ্গালি ব্র্যান্ড নামটা ঠিক করে দিয়েছেন। লোগোর নকশাও বাচ্চাদের কাপড় ডিজাইনার বিবি রাস্মেদের তৈরি ‘গামছা শাড়ি’ আনুষ্ঠানিক

খারাবাহিক উৎপাদন সম্ভব হবে কি না, সেটাও ভেবে দেখা হবে। এই উদ্যোগের পিছনে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ভূমিকা নিয়েছেন রাজ্য শিশু অধিবরণ রক্ষা কমিশনের চেয়ারম্যান অনন্যা চক্রবর্তী। তিনিই বিবি রাস্মেকে দিয়ে হোমের মহিলাদের প্রশিক্ষণ দেওয়ার ব্যবস্থা করেছেন। অনন্যা বলেন, ‘মুখ্যমন্ত্রীর মন্ত্রিত্বও। তাদের প্রশিক্ষণ দিচ্ছেন খ্যাতনামা ফ্যান ডিজাইনার বিবি রাস্মে। জানানো মাত্রই তিনি বঙ্গালি ব্র্যান্ড নামটা ঠিক করে দিয়েছেন। লোগোর নকশাও বাচ্চাদের কাপড় ডিজাইনার বিবি রাস্মেদের তৈরি ‘গামছা শাড়ি’ আনুষ্ঠানিক

[৬] ৩ জানুয়ারি ২০১৮ বর্তমান

**প্রাথমিক শিক্ষকদের ‘আধুনিক’ করতে
বিশেষ কোর্স সুপারিশ শিশু কমিশনের**

নিজস্ব প্রতিনিধি, কলকাতা: শিক্ষকতায় আধুনিকীকরণ প্রয়োজন। তার জন্য প্রাথমিক স্কুলের শিক্ষকদের বিশেষ কোর্স করারের সুপারিশ করল রাজ্য শিশু অধিকার রক্ষা কমিশন। তা নিয়ে উদ্যোগী হয়েছে শিক্ষাদপ্তরও। এই কোর্সের নাম দেওয়া হয়েছে ‘রিফ্রেশার কোর্স’। ইতিমধ্যে, স্কুল শিক্ষা দপ্তরের সচিব এবং শিক্ষামন্ত্রীর সঙ্গে এক প্রস্থ কথাও হয়েছে বলে খবর। এমন কোর্স যদি শিক্ষকদের করানো যায়, তাহলে আগামী দিনে তাদের পড়ানোর ধরনই একেবারে বদলে যাবে। আরও আধুনিক হবে পড়াশুনা।

আমলের পদ্ধতিতেই শিশুদের পড়ানো হচ্ছে? শিশু কমিশন মনে করছে, প্রথম থেকে চতুর্থ শ্রেণীর পড়ুয়াদের ভিত মজবুত করতে আধুনিক মানের শিক্ষা দরকার রয়েছে। সিলেবাস কমিটি যে মানের বই তৈরি করেছে, তার সঙ্গে মানিয়ে নেওয়ার জন্য শিক্ষকদের উপযুক্ত প্রশিক্ষণেরও প্রয়োজন রয়েছে। সেই কথা মাথায় রেখে কমিশনের তরফে প্রথমে নারী, শিশু ও সমাজকল্যাণ দপ্তরের কাছে চিঠি

একটা কোর্স করানো হোক, যাতে তারা শিশুদের পড়ানোয় উন্নত পদ্ধতি নিতে পারেন। সেই সুপারিশ করা হয়েছিল। শিশু কমিশনের এই প্রস্তাব নিয়ে ন্যাড়াচাড়া শুরু করে দেয় শিক্ষাদপ্তর। সিলেবাস কমিটির চেয়ারম্যান অতীক মজুমদার বলেন, এ বিষয়টি নিয়ে প্রাথমিকভাবে কথা হয়েছে। এই কোর্সের জন্য একটি পুস্তিকা তৈরি করা হবে। তা নিয়ে সচিবের সঙ্গে একটা আলোচনাও হয়েছে। তবে কীভাবে গোটা প্রক্রিয়া কার্যকর হবে, তার রূপরেখা তো শিক্ষাদপ্তরকেই ঠিক করতে হবে।

উদ্যোগী রাজ্য

শিক্ষাদপ্তর যদি এমন প্রস্তাবকে দেওয়া হয়। দপ্তরের তৎকালীন সচিব বিষয়টি নিয়ে আলোচনা করেন। তারপর সেই চিঠি পাঠানো হয় শিক্ষাদপ্তরেও। একটি প্রতিলিপি পাঠানো হয়েছিল মুখ্যমন্ত্রীর দপ্তরে। সিলেবাস কমিটির সঙ্গেও এক দফা আলোচনা হয়েছিল। শিশু কমিশনের চেয়ারপার্সন অনন্যা চক্রবর্তীর বক্তব্য, যেহেতু এখন নতুন সিলেবাসে অনেক কিছু অন্তর্ভুক্ত করা হয়েছে, তাই আমরা চাই প্রাথমিক শিক্ষকদের এমন

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