

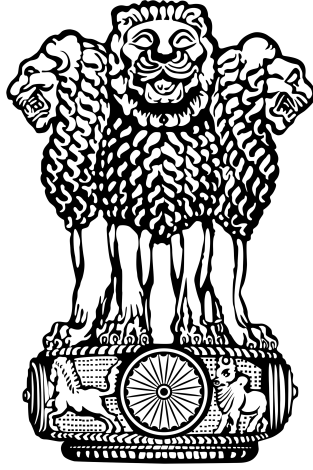


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ABBREVIATIONS

1. ADM: Additional District Magistrate
2. AIDS: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
3. CCI: Child Care Institutions
4. CPCRA: The Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005
5. CrPC: Criminal Procedure Code
6. CWC: Child Welfare Committee
7. DCPO: District Child Protection Officer
8. DCPU: District Child Protection Unit
9. DCRT: Directorate of Child Rights and Trafficking
10. DI: District Inspector
11. DM: District Magistrate
12. DPO: District Programme Officer
13. DWCD & SW: Department of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare
14. DSWO: District Social Welfare Officer
15. FIR: First Information Report
16. HIV: Human Immunodeficiency Virus
17. JJ Act: Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015
18. LD: Lower Division
19. NCPCR: National Commission for Protection of Child Rights
20. NGO: Non-Government Organisation
21. OC: Officer-in-Charge
22. POCSO: The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences
23. PM: Post-mortem
24. RTE: Right to Education
25. SP: Superintendent of Police
26. SSM: Sarva Siksha Mission
27. UD: Upper Division
28. UNCRC: The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
29. UNICEF: United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
30. WBCPCR: West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights
31. WBCW: West Bengal Commission of Women WP: Writ Petition

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Chapter 1 : Chairperson's Review



2021-2022 was another important year for the Commission in terms of working towards protection of child rights. This Annual report provides an overview of activities by the WBCPCR between April 2021-March 2022 in line with the priorities reflected in the Commission's administrative calendar 2021-2022.

The Covid 19 pandemic halted all normal plans regarding the development of children in the previous year. But we experienced both Covid & post covid times during the period of 2021-2022. Pandemic continued to have a devastating impact on the lives of children all around but we struggled to return to normal situations as well. No doubt that pandemic exacerbated pre-existing inequities and vulnerabilities of children. Responding to severe disruptions in education, WBCPCR continued to run its flagship project Sahajpath—the Community Radio programme in collaboration with Jadavpur University for bridging learning gap for children staying in marginal situations.

Children were exposed towards multi-layered vulnerabilities such as extreme poverty which led to increase in child marriages, trafficking, forced labour and increased dropouts, gender-based violence at home & so on. During the post Covid days, the Commission on one hand started a campaign for 'Returning to school' & focused on preventive measures through awareness programmes among children on three issues — child marriage, child trafficking & child labour. The significance of care and protection of children orphaned and abandoned during the pandemic was also highlighted in the Commission's live programmes on social media platform.

The Commission continued its regular job of Child Care Institution visits, taking cognizance of all kind of child rights violation cases. Every challenge has its own solution. The Commission believes that strengthening awareness among children on their rights can only bring the sustainable change in child rights & protection issues.

Ananya Chakraborti

Chairperson

West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights

From the Desk of the Secretary



The year 2021 started on a mixed note. The Covid 19 epidemic was in its last throes. Vaccine had been discovered and was being administered in phases, starting with those above 60 and others above 45 with comorbidities. The future of children as far as the reopening of schools was still uncertain. The assembly elections were in the offing and though the elections were peaceful, due to a huge number of people coming from outside the state the Covid situation worsened after the election and reopening of schools kept getting delayed. The Commission however kept working unabated, despite intermittent lockdowns. The virtual workshops, competitions and awareness programmes with children and regular communication with stakeholders of child rights and protection were on.

The State Child Rights day on 9th June was virtually conducted and children from all government run CCIs communicated directly with the Honourable Minister in-charge, DWCDWS, Dr Shashi Panja. Special lunch was served to all in all 18-government run CCIs.

The pujas in 2021 brought succour and the child protection day on 20th November was an offline programme held at Rabindra Teertha with children physically in attendance. The child rights week saw children enjoying a tram ride, a visit to the Science City and Zoological Garden at Kolkata.

Normalcy was slowly yet steadily returning and WBCPCR flagged off a campaign against child labour, child marriage and the importance of return to school. An intensive drive was made to visit CCIs where members, Chairperson and consultants visited CCIs across the state to assess their condition after the pandemic.

On 31 July, 2021, the anti-trafficking day a young trafficking survivor from Kalimpong was invited to be the Chairperson for the day and he wrote out a charter of demands which was forwarded to the Honourable Minister. He emphasized on more stringent laws to prevent child labour.

The Yash relief in East Midnapore lay stress on providing children with education related utilities.

Throughout the year with UNICEF's assistance several virtual competitions on poster making and essay writing were conducted, workshops related to child rights especially child labour, child marriage and trafficking through storytelling and debates were well attended and included children from schools both government and private run, madrassahs and CCIs. Inclusiveness was our motto.

With 2022 in the offing vaccination of children against Covid started and WBCPCR joined in intensifying the campaign. Along with Unicef digital stories were made for the campaign on vaccination and against child marriage. The child marriage prevention song was created by Surajit Chatterjee. In a two-part programme on television a talk on child marriage and its ill effects with the Honourable Minister in-charge Dr Shashi Panja, Honourable Chairperson WBCPCR Ananya Chakraborti, Surajit Chatterjee and the UNICEF Chief of Field Office Mohammed Mohiuddin the song was flagged off.

The year ended with school attendance getting normalized as 2022 emerged and a ray of hope slowly transforming into a beacon.

Soma Bhattacharjee, IAS
Secretary

West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights

Chapter 2 : Organisational Structure of WBCPCR

List of Chairperson, Members and Special Consultant

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Remarks
1	Smt. Ananya Chatterjee Chakraborti	Chairperson	
2	Smt. Yashabanti Sreemany	Member	
3	Shri Ritabrata Banerjee	Member	
4	Shri Sekhar Bhattacharyya	Member	
5	Shri Prasun Bhowmick	Member	
6	Smt. Neyati Mahata	Member	
7	Shri Mrigank Banerjee	Member	w.e.f. 08/06/2021 (1st Term)
8	Smt. Sudeshna Roy	Special Consultant	
9	Shri Soumitra Roy	Special Consultant	

Management Hierarchy of WBCPCR as on 31/03/2021

Sl. No.	Name of Sanctioned Post	Number of Sanctioned Posts	Number of Filled Up Posts	Number of Vacant Posts
1	Secretary	1	1	0
2	Joint Secretary	1	0	1
3	Assistant Secretary	1	1	0
4	Law Officer	1	1	0
5	Accountant-cum-UDA	1	0	1
6	Stenographer	2	2	0
7	Section Officer	1	1	0
8	U. D. Assistant	1	1	0
9	L. D. Assistant	2	0	2
10	L. D. Assistant with Computer Knowledge	2	0	2
11	Peon	6	0	6
12	Night Guard-cum-Darwan	1	0	1
	Total	20	7	13

Position filled up on Deputation basis:

Sl No.	Position	Number
1.	Accountant	1
2.	Peon	1
Contractual 'Group D' Category: 7		

Chapter 3 : 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 causes;
 - (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 recommendation 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, tire 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. (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 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.
15. 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.

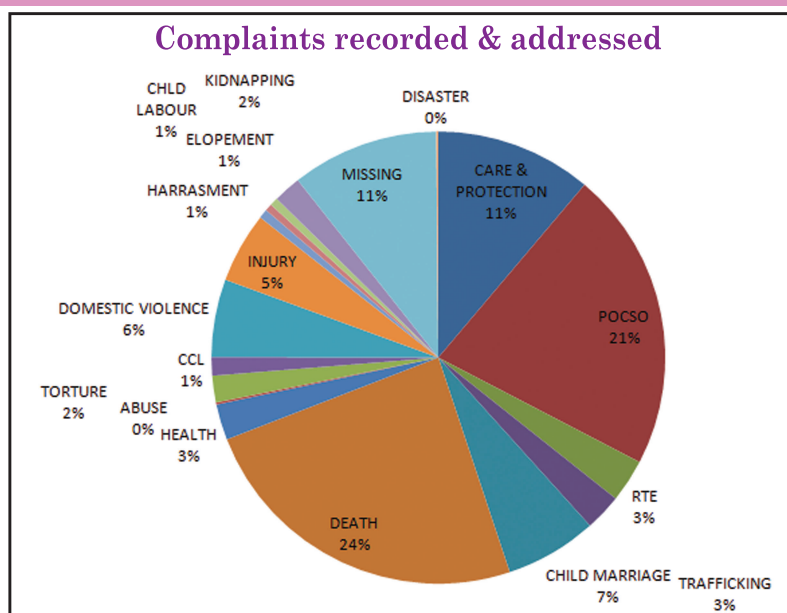
Chapter 4 : Glimpses of the year 2021-22

Complaints addressed :

Table 1.1 Complaints recorded & addressed between 1 April, 2021 to 31 March, 2022

Type	Total No of Records
1 CARE & PROTECTION	153
2 POCSO	294
3 RTE	42
4 TRAFFICKING	36
5 CHILD MARRIAGE	90
6 DEATH	332
7 HEALTH	35
8 ABUSE	02
9 TORTURE	26
10 CCL	18
11 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	76
12 INJURY	69
13 CHLD LABOUR	09
14. HARRASMENT	07
15 ELOPEMENT	08
16 KIDNAPPING	27
17 MISSING	144
18 DISASTER	02
TOTAL	1370

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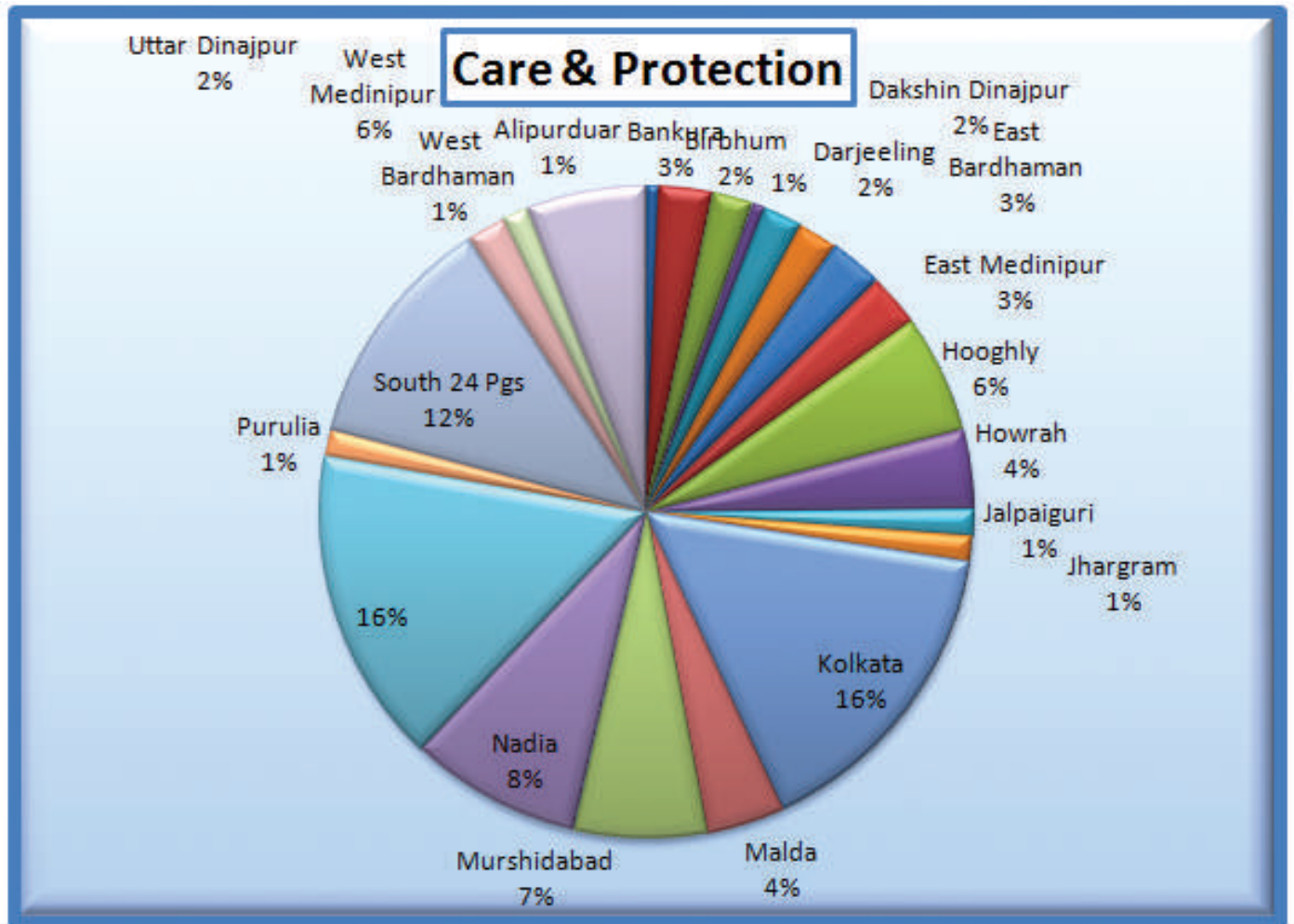


**Table: 1.2 Complaints addressed in relation to Care & Protection
between 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

District	Number	Source	Closed
Alipurduar	1	Suomotu - 1	3
Bankura	4	Suomotu - 3, Whatsapp - 1	
Birbhum	3	Suomotu - 2, Whatsapp - 1	
	1	Suomotu - 1	
Darjeeling	3	Suomotu - 2, Whatsapp - 1	
Dakshin Dinajpur	3	Suomotu - 2, Whatsapp - 1	
East Bardhaman	4	Suomotu - 2, Post - 2	
East Medinipur	4	Suomotu - 4	
Hooghly	9	Suomotu - 4, Whatsapp - 3, E-mail - 2	
Howrah	6	Suomotu - 5, E-mail - 1	
Jalpaiguri	2	Suomotu - 2	
Jhargram	2	Suomotu - 2	
Kolkata	24	Suomotu - 15, Whatsapp - 4, E-mail - 4, Website - 1	
Malda	6	Suomotu - 6	
Murshidabad	10	Suomotu - 4, Whatsapp - 4, E-mail - 2	
Nadia	13	Suomotu - 5, Whatsapp - 4, By hand - 1, E-mail - 1, Post - 1, Facebook - 1	
	24	Suomotu - 9, E-mail - 7, Whatsapp - 6, Post - 2	
Purulia	2	Suomotu - 1, Whatsapp - 1	
South 24 Pgs	18	Suomotu - 10, E-mail - 4, Whatsapp - 3, Post - 1	
Uttar Dinajpur	3	Suomotu - 3	
West Bardhaman	2	Suomotu - 1, Whatsapp - 1	
West Medinipur	9	Suomotu - 6, Whatsapp - 2, E-mail - 1	
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Diagram: 1.2

Complaints addressed in relation to Care & Protection



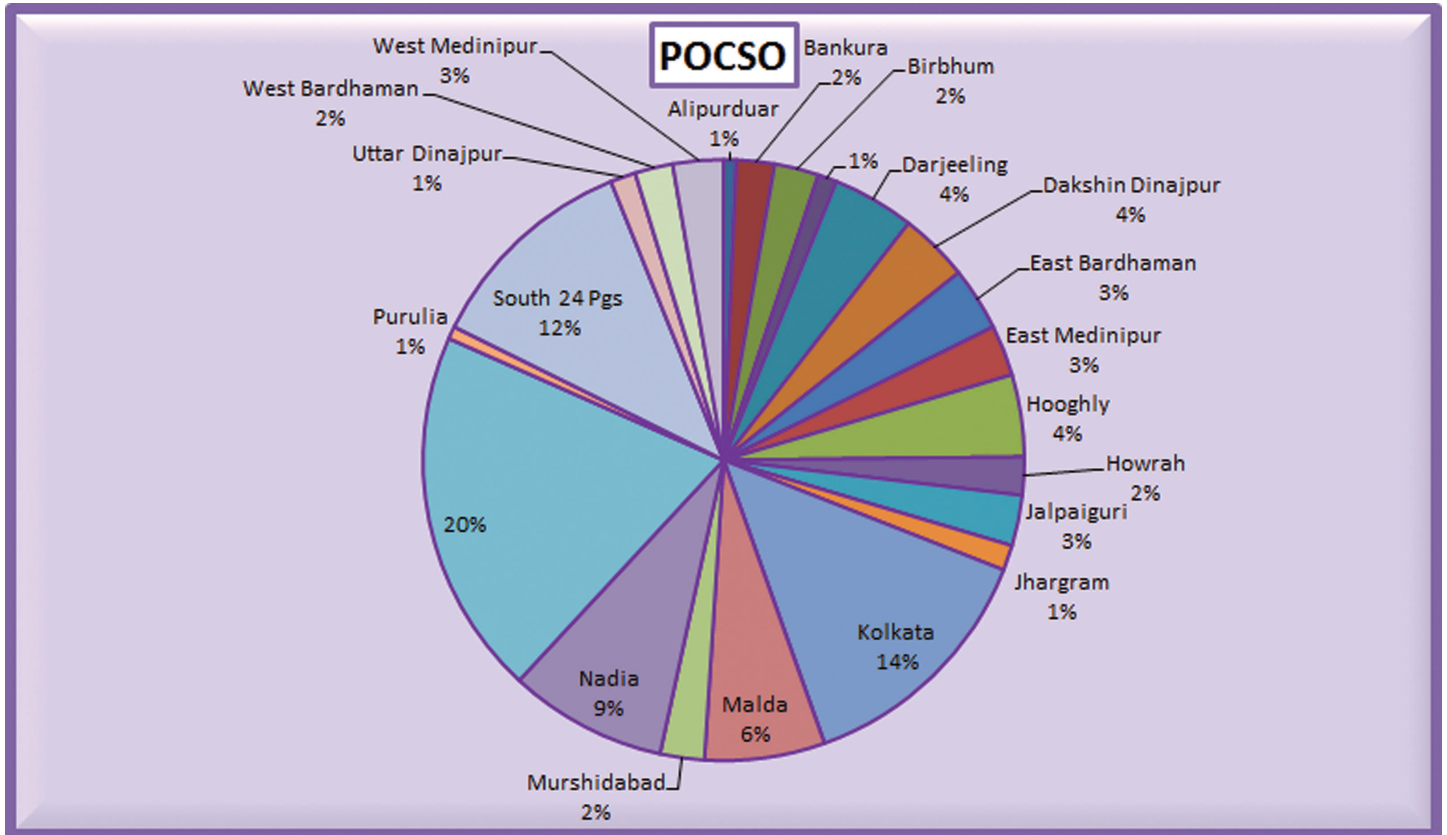
The cases related to Care & Protection attracts the provisions of Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act 2015.

**Table: 1.3 Complaints addressed in relation to POCSO Act, 2012
between 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

District	Number	Source	Closed
Alipurduar	2	Suomotu - 2	
Bankura	6	Suomotu - 1, E-Mail - 4, Whatsapp - 1	
Birbhum	7	Suomotu - 3, E-Mail - 3, Post - 1	
	3	Whatsapp - 2, Suomotu - 1	
Darjeeling	13	E-Mail - 12, Whatsapp - 1	
Dakshin Dinajpur	11	Suomotu - 3, E-Mail - 8	
East Bardhaman	10	Suomotu - 8, E-Mail - 2	
East Medinipur	8	Suomotu - 7, E-Mail - 1	
Hooghly	13	Suomotu - 9, Whatsapp - 1, E-Mail - 1, Post - 2	
Howrah	6	Suomotu - 5, Whatsapp - 1	
Jalpaiguri	8	Suomotu - 3, E-Mail - 4, Post - 1	
Jhargram	4	Suomotu - 2, E-Mail - 1, Whatsapp - 1	
Kolkata	40	Suomotu - 32, E-Mail - 5, Post - 1, Hand - 1, Phone - 1	
Malda	19	Suomotu - 10, E-Mail - 8, Whatsapp - 1	
Murshidabad	7	Suomotu - 5, E-Mail - 2	
Nadia	25	Suomotu - 6, E-Mail - 17, Whatsapp - 1, Post - 1	
	58	Suomotu - 28, E-Mail - 23, Whatsapp - 4, Post - 2, Web - 1	
Purulia	2	E-Mail - 2	
South 24 Pgs	34	Suomotu - 19, Whatsapp - 8, E-Mail - 4, Post - 1, Hand - 1, Web - 1	
Uttar Dinajpur	4	Suomotu - 3, Post - 1	
West Bardhaman	6	Suomotu - 4, E-Mail - 2	
West Medinipur	8	Suomotu - 7, E-Mail - 1	
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Diagram: 1.3

Complaints addressed in relation to POCSO



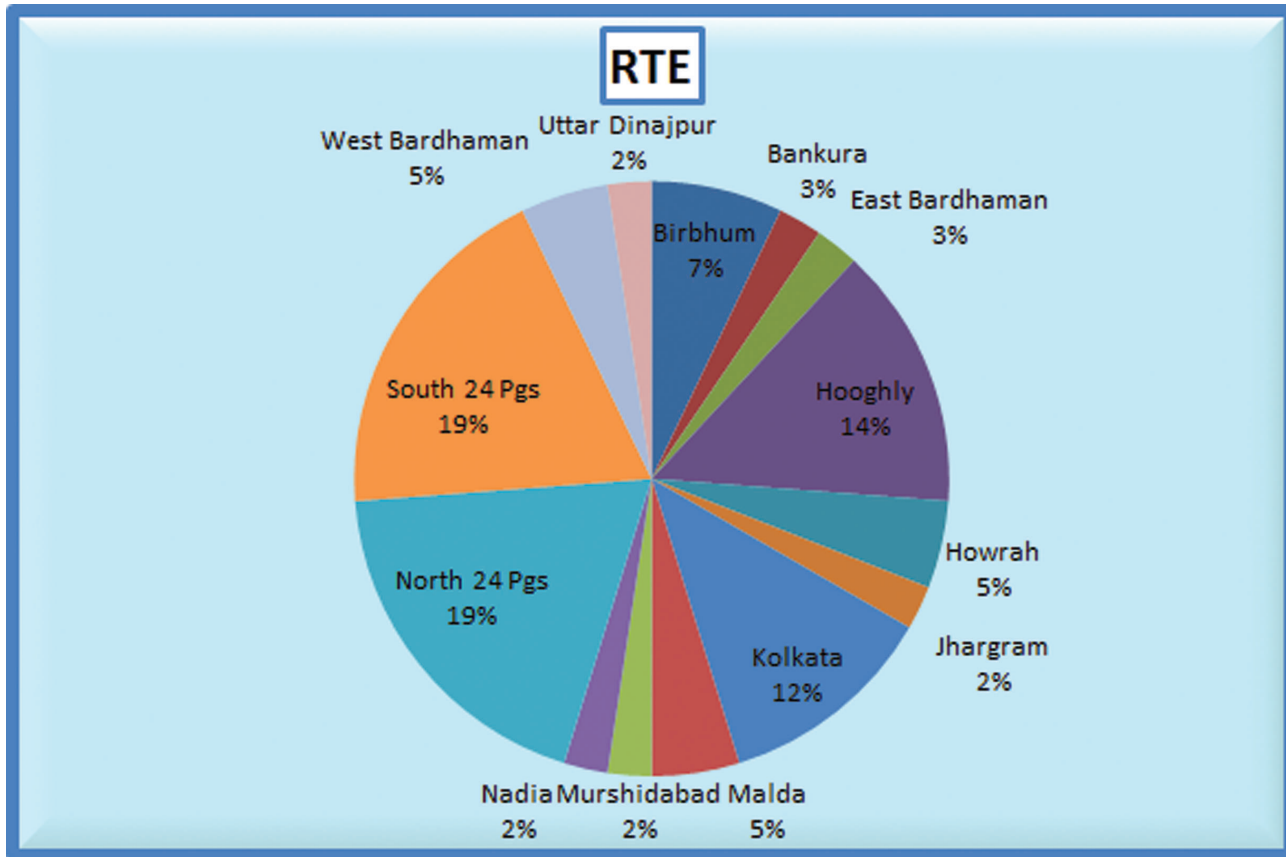
The complaints addressed by WBCPCR under POCSO Act, 2012 were on: sexual assault, sexual abuse/ harassment of children specially by the family members & near ones, cybercrimes, showing pornographic pictures to children, taking obscene pictures and uploading them in social media, blackmailing, entering into sexual relationship with a minor girl after alluring her with marriage.

**Table: 1.4 Complaints addressed in relation to Right to Education (RTE)
between 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

District	Number	Source	Closed
Birbhum	3	Suomotu - 2, Whatsapp - 1	
Bankura	1	Whatsapp - 1	
East Bardhaman	1	Suomotu - 1	
Hooghly	6	Suomotu - 2, E-Mail - 3, Post - 1	
Howrah	2	Post - 2	
Jhargram	1	E-Mail - 1	
Kolkata	5	Suomotu - 2, E-Mail - 2, By hand - 1	
Malda	2	Suomotu - 2	
Murshidabad	1	E-Mail - 1	
Nadia	1	Suomotu - 1	
North 24 Pgs	8	Suomotu - 3, E-Mail - 3, Post - 1, Whatsapp - 1	
South 24 Pgs	8	Suomotu - 3, Post - 1, Whatsapp - 4	
West Bardhaman	2	Suomotu - 1, E-Mail - 1	
Uttar Dinajpur	1	Suomotu - 1	
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Diagram: 1.4

Complaints addressed in relation to Right to Education (RTE)



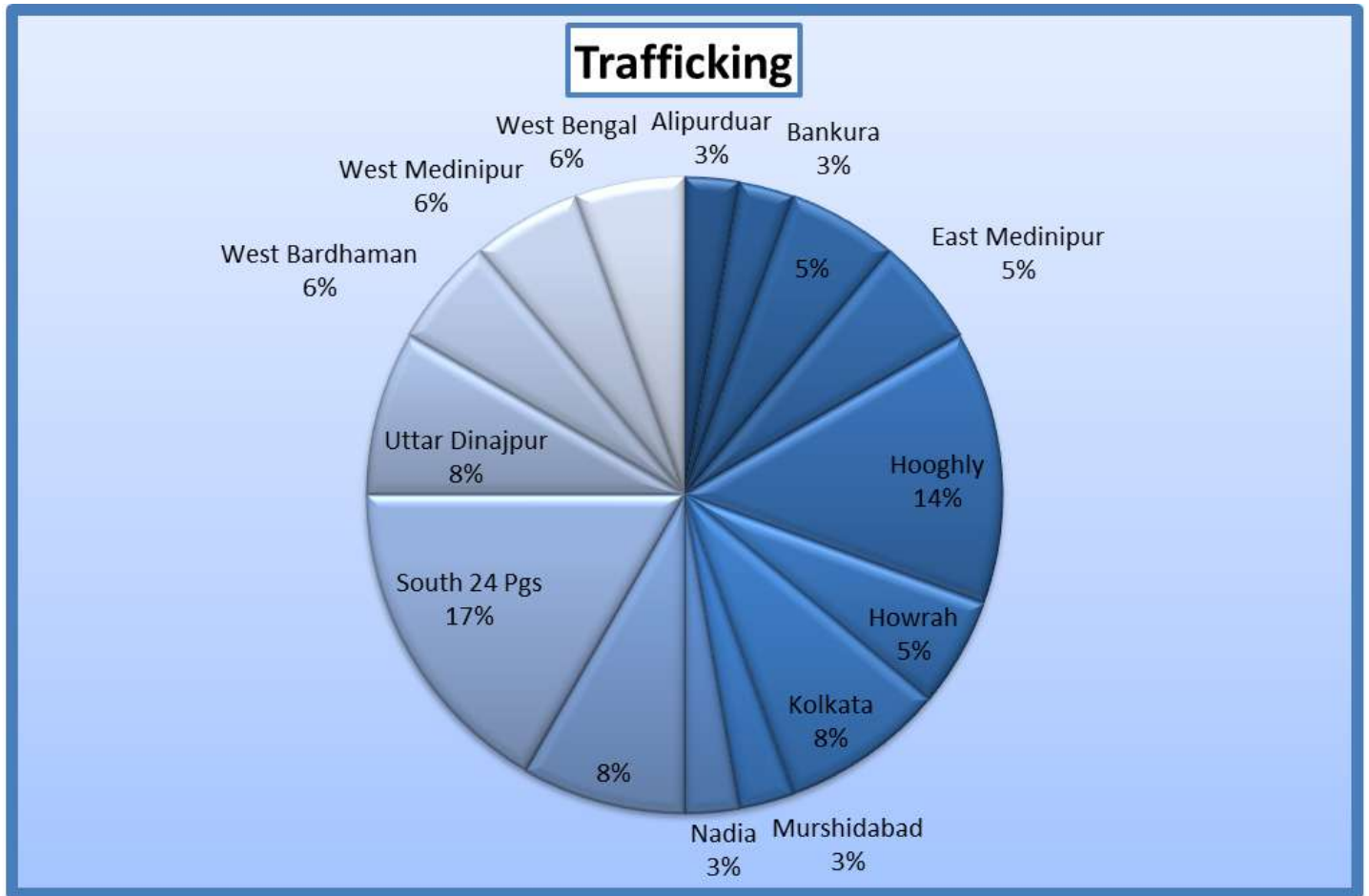
In terms of schooleducation, children experienced mixed situations. The period of April 2021- March 2022 consisted of both Covid and post Covid days, schools were closed for few months and then opened. There were 28 RTE cases registered in the year 2020-2021. In the year 2021-2022, it increased to 42 cases. The complaints addressed by WBCPCR under RTE were mostly on school fees related issues.

**Table: 1.5 Complaints addressed in relation to TRAFFICKING
between 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

District	Number	Source	Closed
Alipurduar	1	Suomotu 1	
Bankura	1	Suomotu - 1	
	2	Suomotu - 1, Whatsapp - 1	
East Medinipur	2	Whatsapp - 2	
Hooghly	5	Post - 1, E-mail - 3, Whatsapp - 1	
Howrah	2	E-mail - 1, Post - 1	
Kolkata	3	Suomotu - 2, Whatsapp - 1	
Murshidabad	1	Whatsapp - 1	
Nadia	1	Whatsapp - 1	
	3	Suomotu - 1, Whatsapp - 2	
South 24 Pgs	6	Suomotu - 4, E-mail - 2	
Uttar Dinajpur	3	Suomotu - 2, Whatsapp - 1	
West Bardhaman	2	Suomotu - 1, Whatsapp - 1	
West Medinipur	2	Suomotu - 2	
West Bengal	2	Suomotu - 2	
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Diagram: 1.5

Complaints addressed in relation to TRAFFICKING

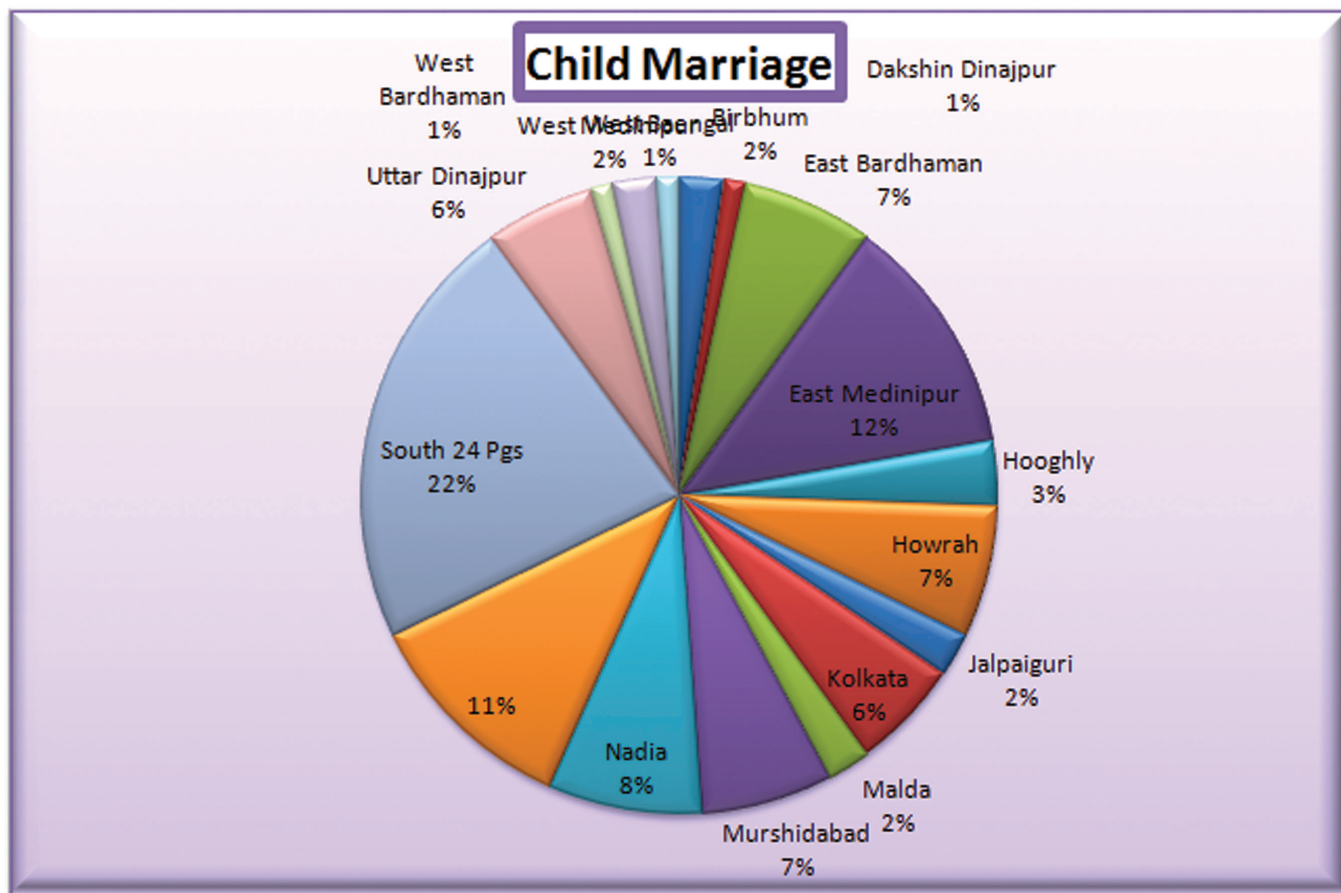


**Table: 1.6 Complaints addressed in relation to CHILD MARRIAGE
between 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

District	Number	Source	Closed
Birbhum	2	Suomotu - 1, Whatsapp - 1	
Dakshin Dinajpur	1	Whatsapp - 1	
East Bardhaman	6	Suomotu - 2, Whatsapp - 4	
East Medinipur	11	Suomotu - 2, Whatsapp - 8, Post - 1	
Hooghly	3	Whatsapp - 3	
Howrah	6	Whatsapp - 5, Post - 1	
Jalpaiguri	2	Whatsapp - 1, Post - 1	
Kolkata	5	Whatsapp - 4, E-Mail - 1	
Malda	2	Whatsapp - 2	
Murshidabad	6	Whatsapp - 6	
Nadia	7	Whatsapp - 5, Suomotu - 2	
	10	Whatsapp - 9, E-Mail - 1	
South 24 Pgs	20	Whatsapp - 17, Suomotu - 1 E-Mail - 1, Post - 1	
Uttar Dinajpur	5	Whatsapp - 4, Suomotu - 1	
West Bardhaman	1	Whatsapp - 1	
West Medinipur	2	Whatsapp - 2	
West Baengal	1	Suomotu - 1	
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Diagram: 1.6

Complaints addressed in relation to CHILD MARRIAGE



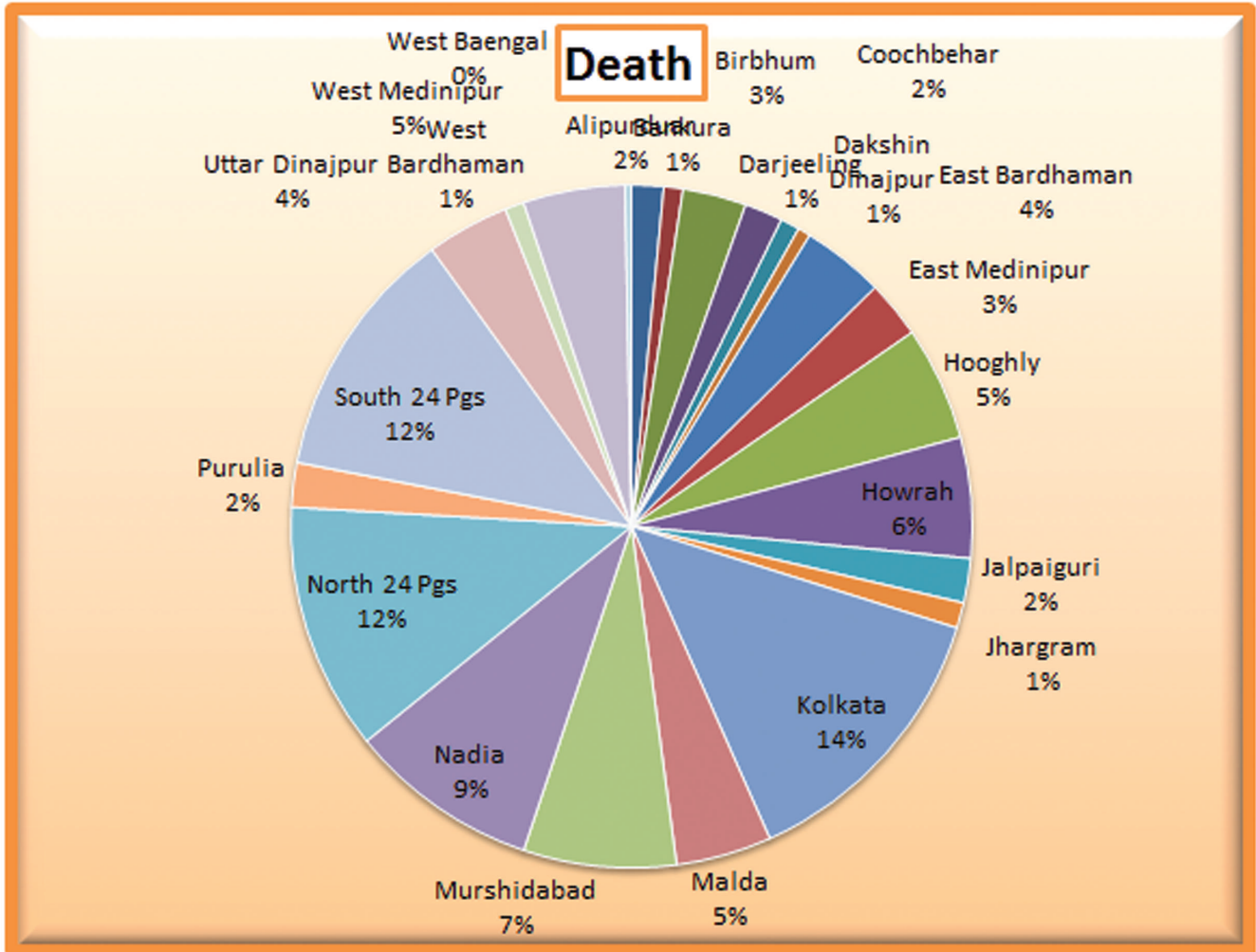
Most of the child Marriage cases addressed by the Commission were lodged through WBCPCR's WAP Helpline and in most of the cases the Commission successfully intervened and marriages were stopped with the help of the district administration.

**Table: 1.7 Complaints addressed in relation to Death
between 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

District	Number	Source	Closed
Alipurduar	5	Suomotu - 5	4
Bankura	3	Suomotu - 3	
Birbhum	10	Suomotu - 10	
Coochbehar	6	Suomotu - 6	
Darjeeling	3	Suomotu - 3	
Dakshin Dinajpur	2	Suomotu - 2	
East Bardhaman	13	Suomotu - 13	
East Medinipur	9	Suomotu - 9	
Hooghly	18	Suomotu - 18	
Howrah	19	Suomotu - 18, Post - 1	
Jalpaiguri	7	Suomotu - 7	
Jhargram	4	Suomotu - 4	
Kolkata	45	Suomotu - 45	
Malda	15	Suomotu - 15	
Murshidabad	24	Suomotu - 22, E-mail - 2	
Nadia	30	Suomotu - 30	
North 24 Pgs	39	Suomotu - 38, Whatsapp - 1	
Purulia	7	Suomotu - 6, Whatsapp - 1	
South 24 Pgs	40	Suomotu - 39, E-mail - 1	
Uttar Dinajpur	13	Suomotu - 12, Whatsapp - 1	
West Bardhaman	3	Suomotu - 3	
West Medinipur	16	Suomotu - 16	
West Baengal	1	Suomotu - 1	
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Diagram: 1.7

Complaints addressed in relation to Death



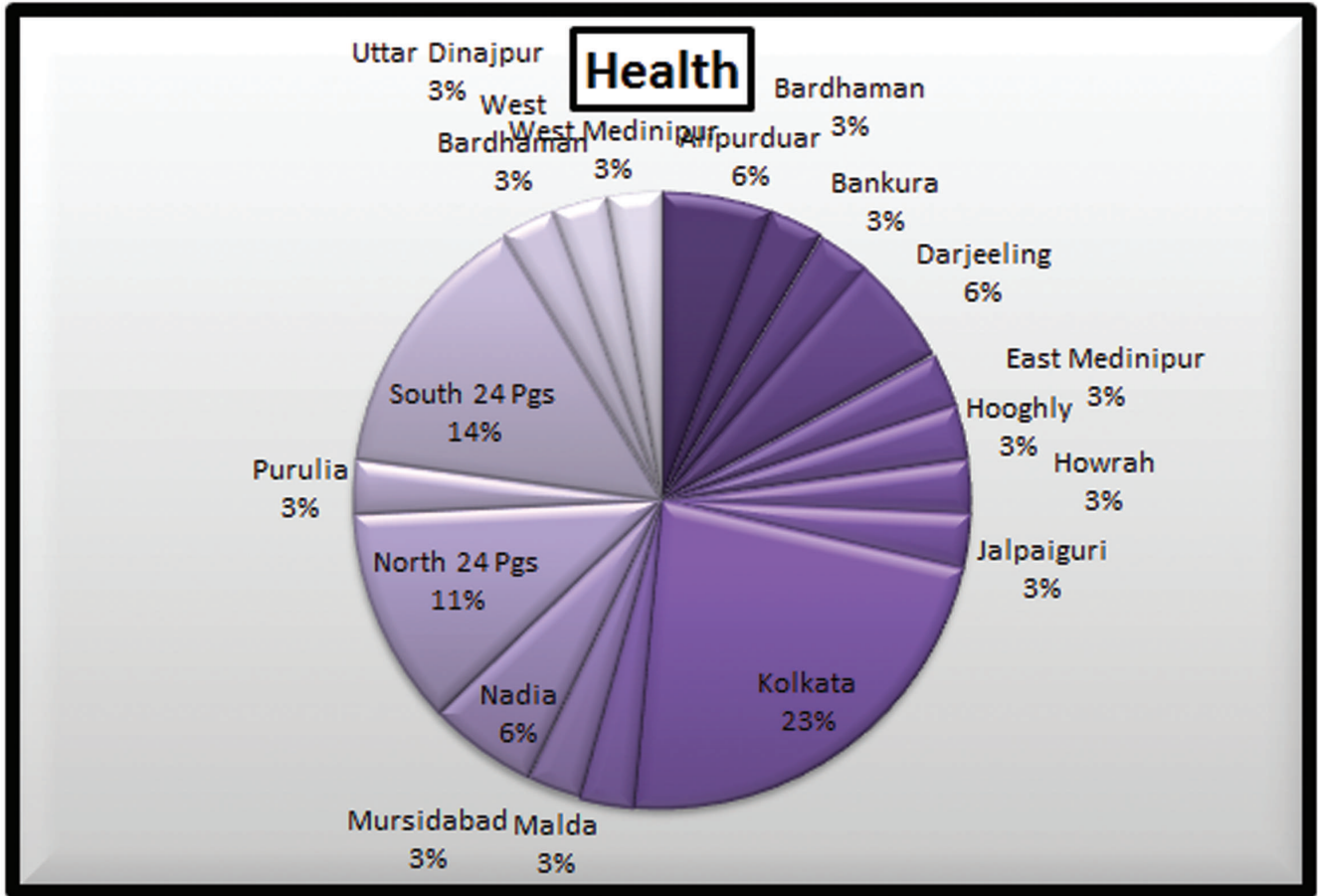
It is important to have a comparative study of child death related cases addressed by the Commission in last few years. In 2017-18 the number of reported death cases addressed by the Commission was 33. In 2018-19 it increased to 79. In 2019-2020 it went up to 83. And in 2020-2021 it went up to 242 which was almost three times more than last year's data. This year, in 2021-2022, the cases rose to 332. Though the number of cases has increased but the growth rate has decreased. The Commission took suo motu cognizance of most of the child death cases published in media.

**Table: 1.8 Complaints addressed in relation to HEALTH
between 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

District	Number	Source	Closed
Alipurduar	2	Suomotu - 1, E-Mail - 1	
Bardhaman	1	Suomotu - 1	
Bankura	1	Suomotu - 1	
Darjeeling	2	Suomotu - 1, E-Mail - 1	
East Medinipur	1	Suomotu - 1	
Hooghly	1	Suomotu - 1	
Howrah	1	Suomotu - 1	
Jalpaiguri	1	Suomotu - 1	
Kolkata	8	Suomotu - 3, Whatsapp - 2, E-Mail - 2, Post - 1	
Malda	1	Suomotu - 1	
Mursidabad	1	Suomotu - 1	
Nadia	2	Suomotu - 1, E-Mail - 1	
North 24 Pgs	4	Suomotu - 3, Post - 1	
Purulia	1	Email - 1	
South 24 Pgs	5	Suomotu - 2, Whatsapp - 3	
Uttar Dinajpur	1	Whatsapp - 1	
West Bardhaman	1	Suomotu - 1	
West Medinipur	1	Suomotu - 1	
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Complaints addressed in relation to HEALTH

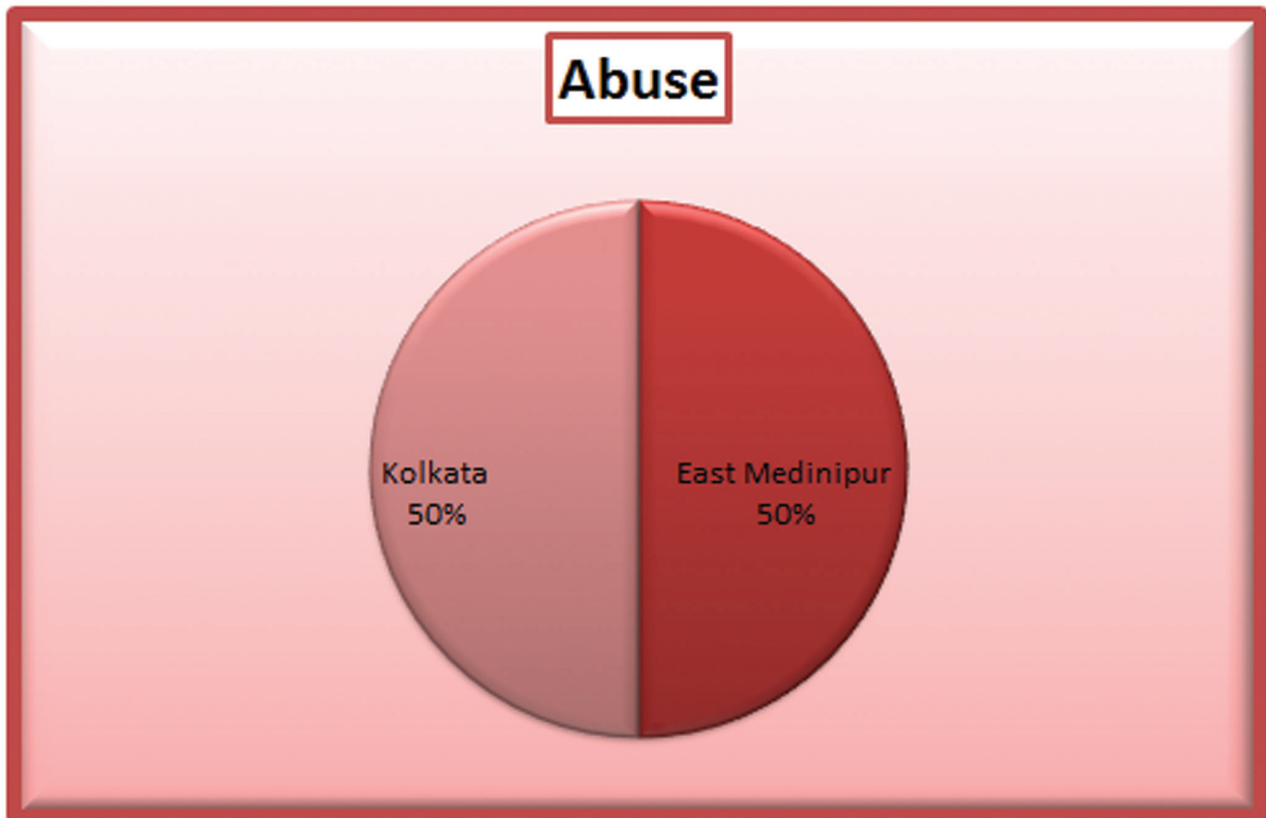


**Table: 1.9 Complaints addressed in relation to ABUSE
between 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

District	Number	Source	Closed
East Medinipur	1	Suomotu - 1	
Kolkata	1	Website - 1	
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Diagram: 1.9

Complaints addressed in relation to ABUSE



**Table: 1.10 Complaints addressed in relation to TORTURE
between 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

District	Number	Source	Closed
Bankura	1	Suomotu - 1	
East Bardhaman	1	Whatsapp - 1	
East Medinipur	1	Post - 1	
Hooghly	3	Post - 1, Suomotu 2	
Howrah	3	Suomotu - 3	
Kolkata	5	E-Mail - 2, Whatsapp - 3	
Malda	1	Suomotu - 1	
Nadia	1	E-Mail - 1	
North 24 Pgs	5	Suomotu - 2, E-Mail - 2, Post - 1	
South 24 Pgs	2	Suomotu - 1, Whatsapp - 1	
West Medinipur	3	Suomotu - 2, Whatsapp - 1	
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Diagram: 1.10

Complaints addressed in relation to TORTURE

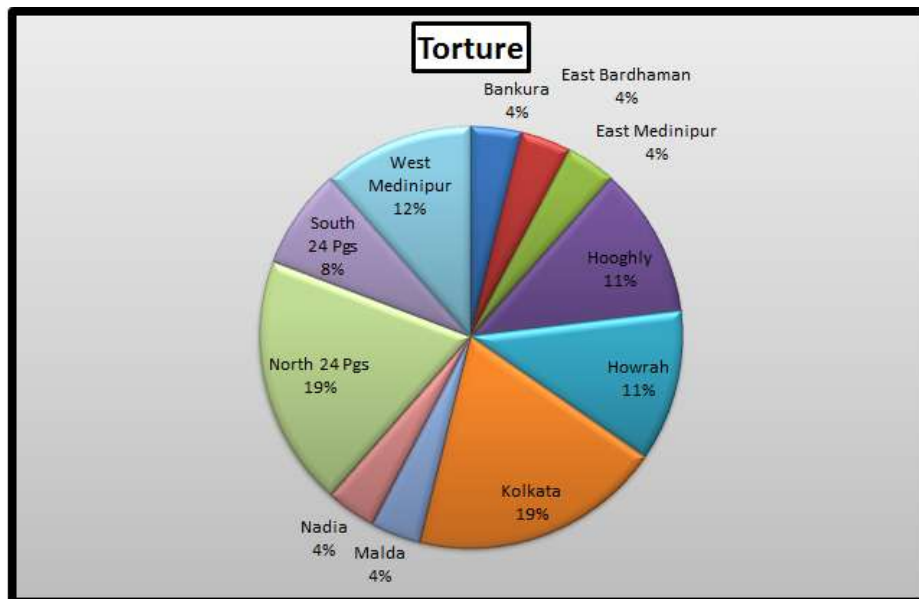
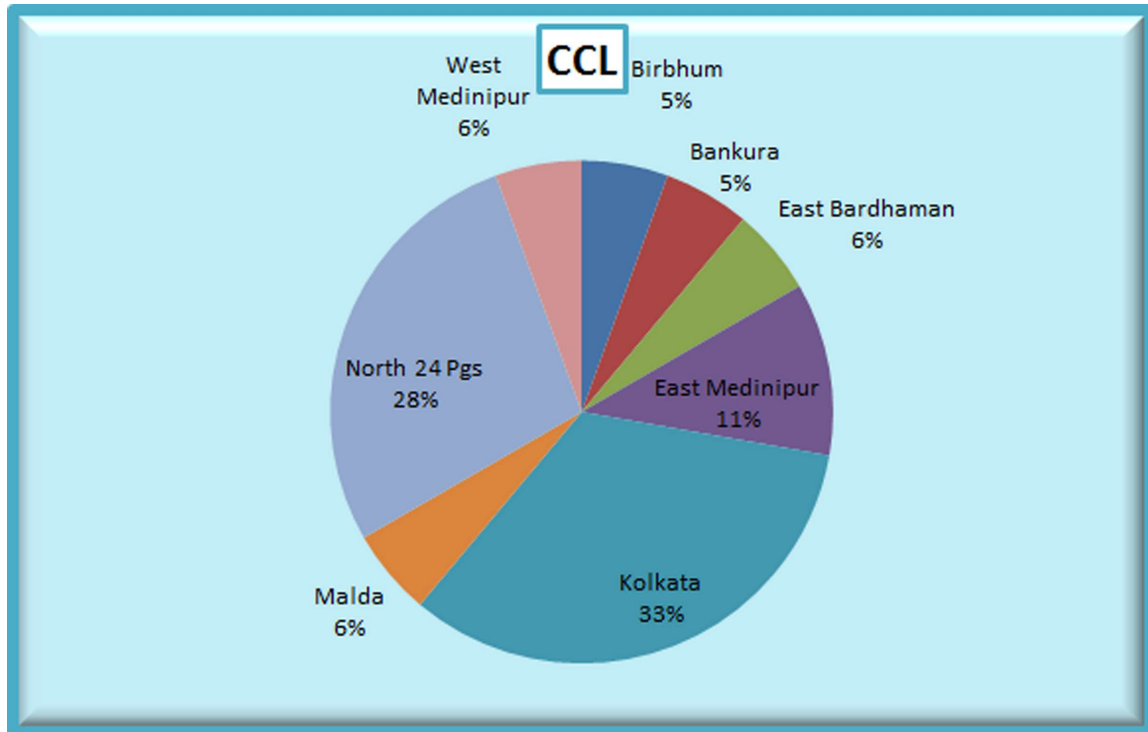


Table: 1.11 Complaints addressed in relation to CCL between 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

District	Number	Source	Closed
Birbhum	1	Suomotu - 1	
Bankura	1	Suomotu - 1	
East Bardhaman	1	Suomotu - 1	
East Medinipur	2	Suomotu - 2	
Kolkata	6	Suomotu - 6	Closed - 1
Malda	1	Suomotu - 1	
North 24 Pgs	5	Suomotu - 5	
West Medinipur	1	Suomotu - 1	
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Diagram: 1.11

Complaints addressed in relation to CCL



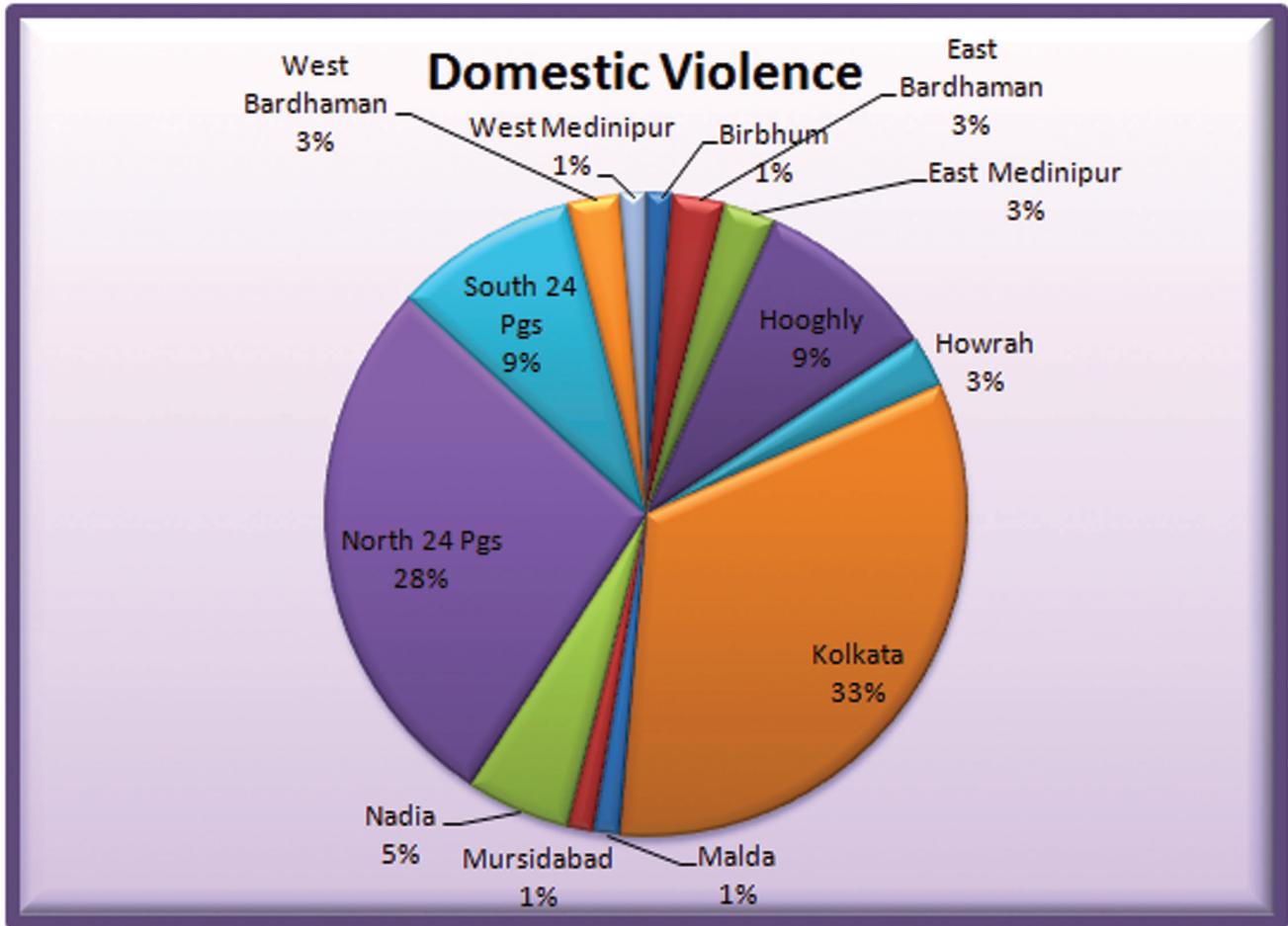
CCL : Children in Conflict with Law

**Table: 1.12 Complaints addressed in relation to DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
between 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

District	Number	Source	Closed
Birbhum	1	E-mail - 1	1
East Bardhaman	2	E-mail - 1, Post - 1	
East Medinipur	2	Post - 2	
Hooghly	7	E-mail - 3, Post - 3, Whatsapp - 1	
Howrah	2	Whatsapp - 2	
Kolkata	25	E-mail - 12, Post - 7, Whatsapp - 4 By hand - 1, Website - 1	
Malda	1	E-mail - 1	
Mursidabad	1	Post - 1	
Nadia	4	E-mail - 2, Post - 1, By hand - 1	
North 24 Pgs	21	Post - 9, E-mail - 7, By hand - 3 Whatsapp - 1, NCPCR - 1	
South 24 Pgs	7	Post - 3, E-mail - 2, Whatsapp - 2	
West Bardhaman	2	Post - 2	
West Medinipur	1	Whatsapp - 1	
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Diagram: 1.12

Complaints addressed in relation to DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



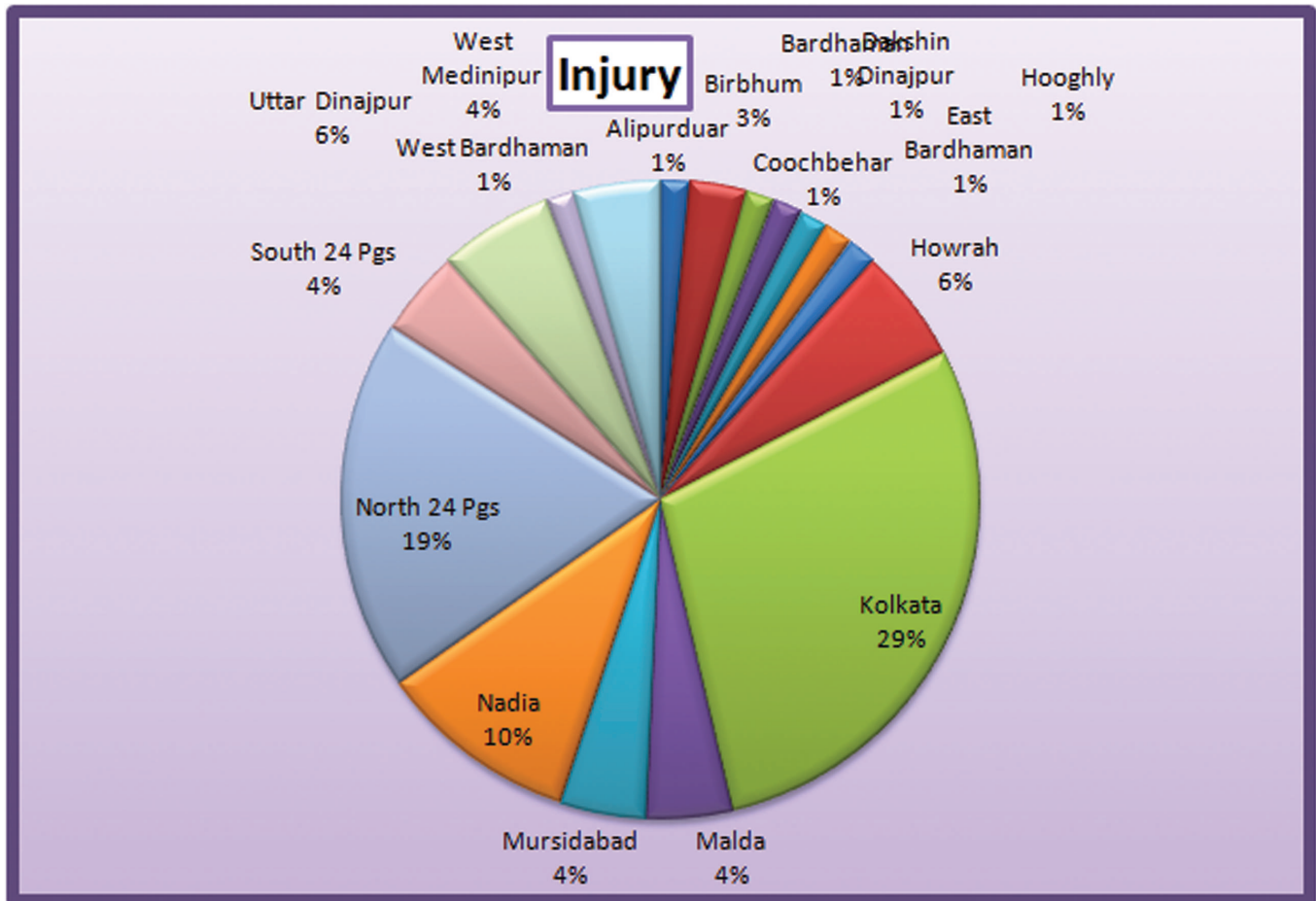
Children were the worst sufferers in Domestic Violence cases.

**Table: 1.13 Complaints addressed in relation to INJURY
between 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

District	Number	Source	Closed
Alipurduar	1	Suomotu - 1	3
Birbhum	2	Suomotu - 2	
Bardhaman	1	Suomotu - 1	
Coochbehar	1	Suomotu - 1	
Dakshin Dinajpur	1	Suomotu - 1	
East Bardhaman	1	Suomotu - 1	
Hooghly	1	Suomotu - 1	
Howrah	4	Suomotu - 4	
Kolkata	20	Suomotu - 20	
Malda	3	Suomotu - 3	
Mursidabad	3	Suomotu - 2, Post - 1	
Nadia	7	Suomotu - 7	
North 24 Pgs	13	Suomotu - 13	
South 24 Pgs	3	Suomotu - 3	
Uttar Dinajpur	4	Suomotu - 4	
West Bardhaman	1	Suomotu - 1	
West Medinipur	3	Suomotu - 3	
	69		

Diagram: 1.13

Complaints addressed in relation to INJURY



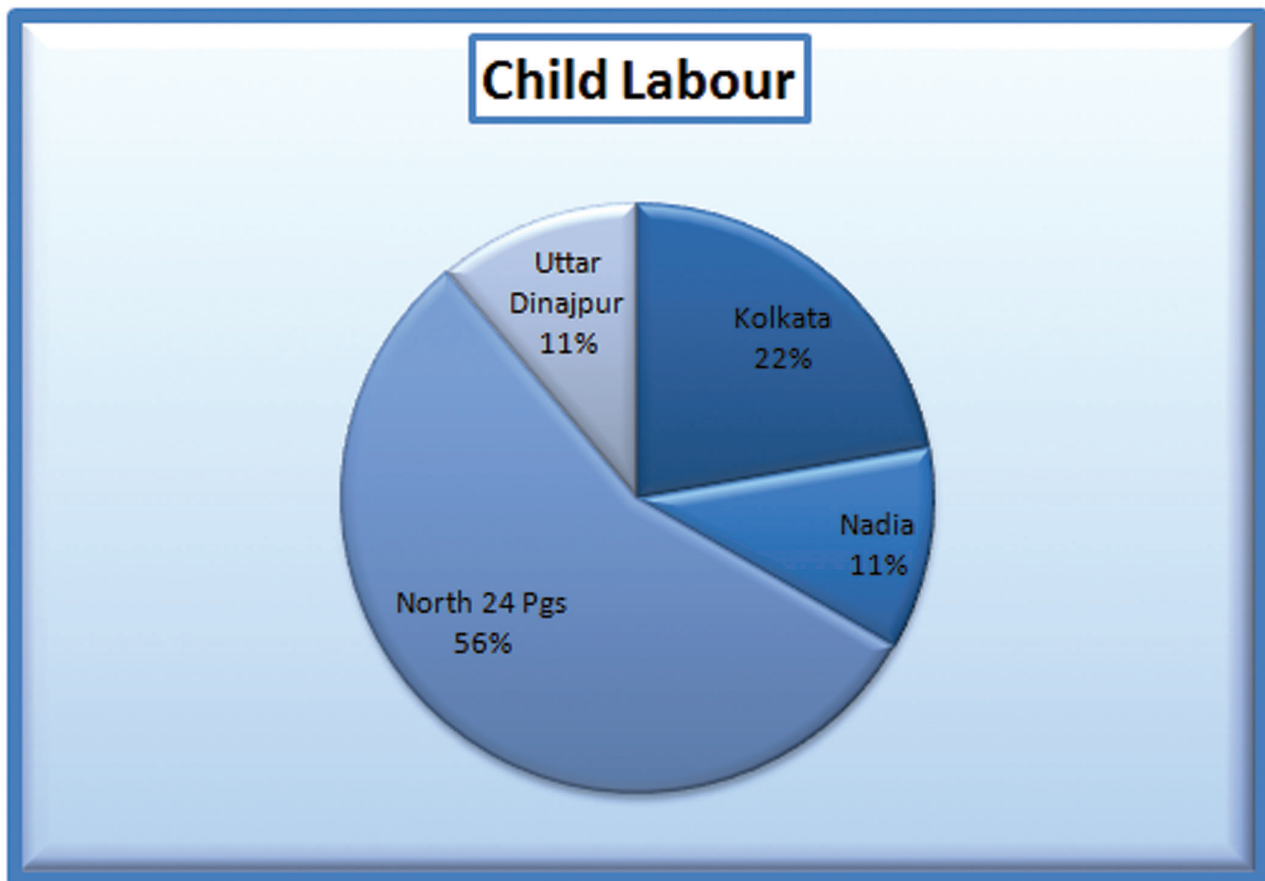
Accident was the main cause behind the most of injury related cases addressed by the Commission.

**Table: 1.14 Complaints addressed in relation to CHILD LABOUR
between 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

District	Number	Source	Closed
Kolkata	2	Whatsapp - 1, E-Mail - 1	
Nadia	1	E-Mail - 1	
North 24 Pgs	5	Suomotu - 4, Whatsapp - 1	
Uttar Dinajpur	1	E-Mail - 1	
	9		

Diagram: 1.14

Complaints addressed in relation to CHILD LABOUR



Very few complaints on Child labour issue were lodged because of the difficulties in tracing and identifying the problem.

**Table: 1.15 Complaints addressed in relation to HARASSMENT
between 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

District	Number	Source	Closed
Hooghly	1	E-Mail - 1	
Kolkata	1	Website - 1	
Nadia	1	Suomotu - 1	
North 24 Pgs	3	E-Mail - 2, Whatsapp - 1	
South 24 Pgs	1	Suomotu - 1	
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Diagram: 1.15

Complaints addressed in relation to HARASSMENT

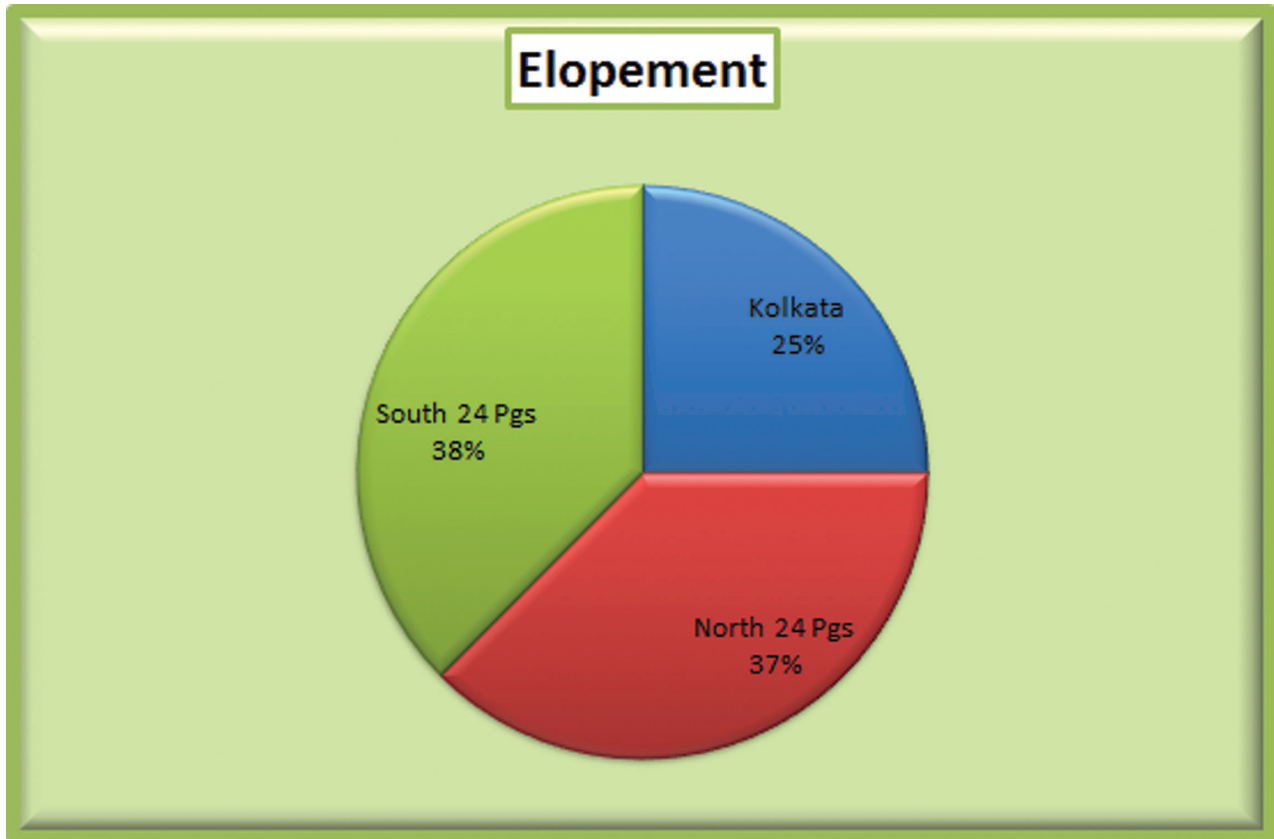


**Table: 1.16 Complaints addressed in relation to ELOPEMENT
between 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

District	Number	Source	Closed
Kolkata	2	E-Mail - 1 Whatsapp - 1	
North 24 Pgs	3	E-Mail - 1 Whatsapp - 2	
South 24 Pgs	3	Suomotu - 2 Whatsapp - 1	
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Diagram: 1.16

Complaints addressed in relation to ELOPEMENT

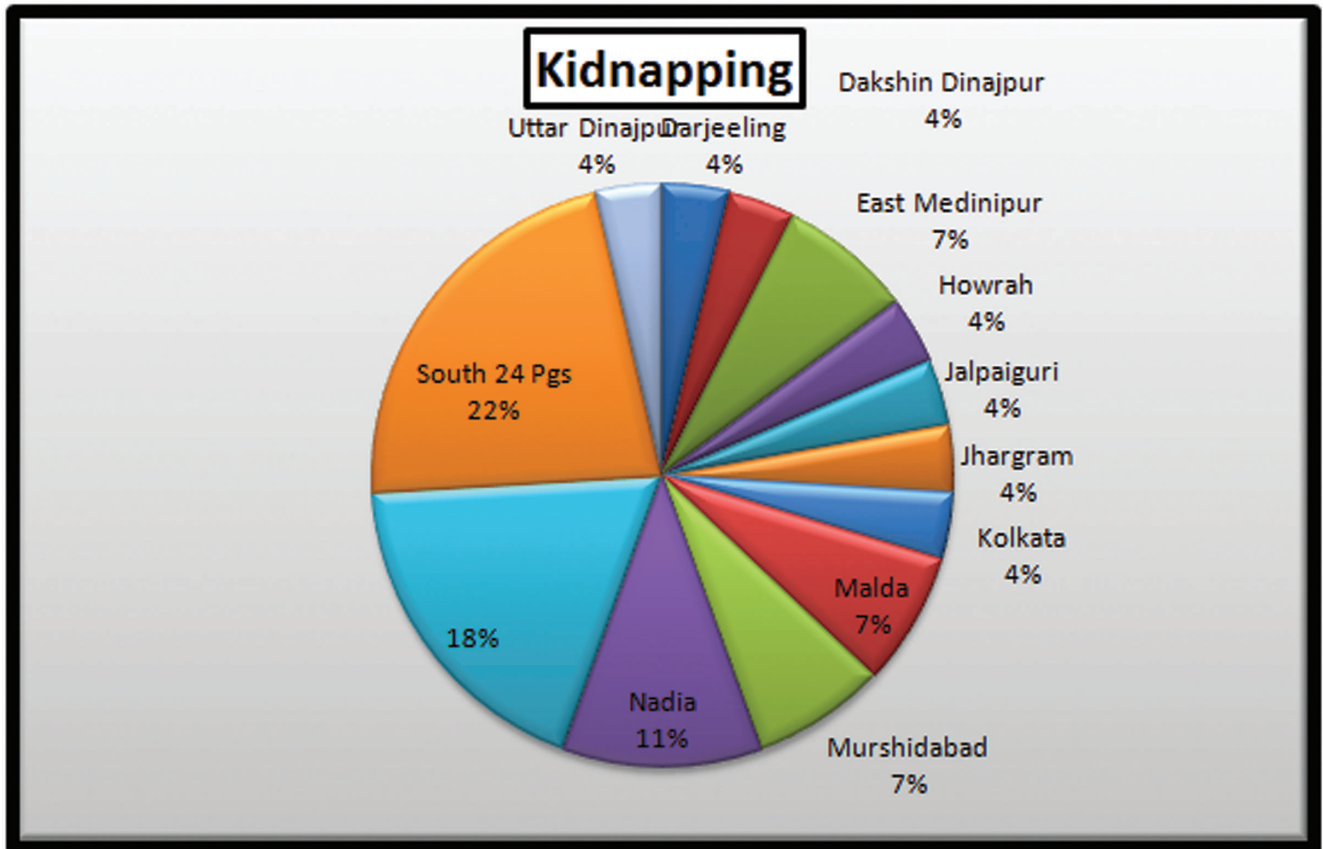


**Table: 1.17 Complaints addressed in relation to KIDNAPP ING
between 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

District	Number	Source	Closed
Darjeeling	1	Suomotu - 1	
Dakshin Dinajpur	1	E-Mail - 1	
East Medinipur	2	Suomotu - 1, Whatsapp - 1	
Howrah	1	Suomotu - 1	
Jalpaiguri	1	E-Mail - 1	
Jhargram	1	Suomotu - 1	
Kolkata	1	Suomotu - 1	
Malda	2	Suomotu - 1, E-Mail - 1	
Murshidabad	2	Whatsapp - 1, E-Mail - 1	
Nadia	3	Suomotu - 1, Whatsapp - 1, Post - 1	
	5	Suomotu - 5	
South 24 Pgs	6	Suomotu - 2, Whatsapp - 2, E-Mail - 2	
Uttar Dinajpur	1	Whatsapp - 1	
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Diagram: 1.17

Complaints addressed in relation to KIDNAPPING

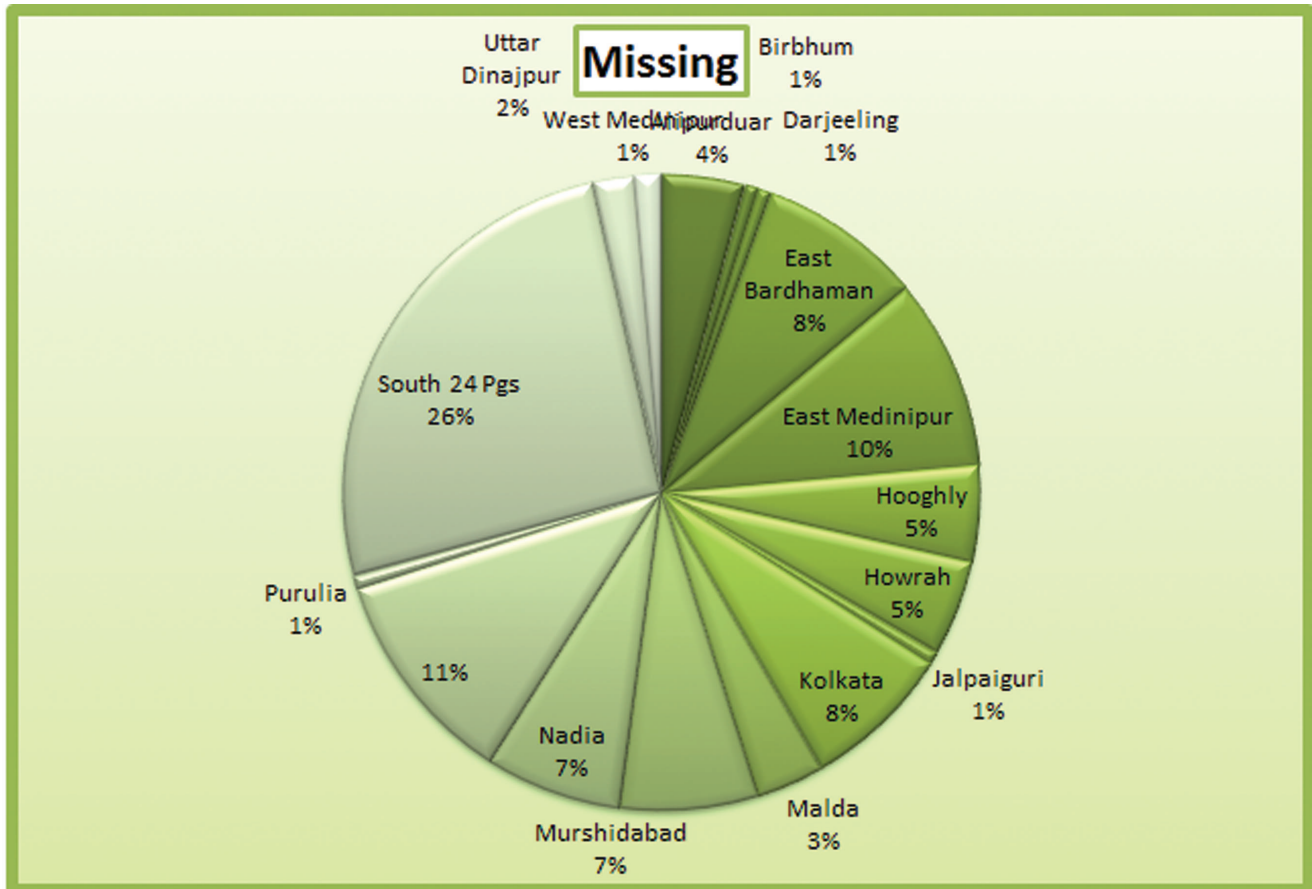


**Table: 1.18 Complaints addressed in relation to MISSING
between 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

District	Number	Source	Closed
Alipurduar	6	Whatsapp - 5, E-Mail - 1	
Birbhum	1	Whatsapp - 1	
Darjeeling	1	Suomotu - 1	
East Bardhaman	12	Suomotu - 1, Whatsapp - 10, E-Mail - 1	
East Medinipur	14	Whatsapp - 13, Post - 1	
Hooghly	7	Whatsapp - 5, E-Mail - 2	
Howrah	7	Whatsapp - 3, Website - 1, Suomotu - 1 E-Mail - 1, Post - 1	
Jalpaiguri	1	Suomotu - 1	
Kolkata	11	Whatsapp - 8, Suomotu - 3	
Malda	5	Whatsapp - 4, Suomotu - 1	
Murshidabad	10	Whatsapp - 10	
Nadia	10	Suomotu - 2, Whatsapp - 6, Post - 2	
	16	Whatsapp - 16	
Purulia	1	Whatsapp - 1	
South 24 Pgs	37	Whatsapp - 36, E-Mail - 1	
Uttar Dinajpur	3	Suomotu - 1, Whatsapp - 2	
West Medinipur	2	Whatsapp - 1, Post - 1	
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Diagram: 1.18

Complaints addressed in relation to MISSING



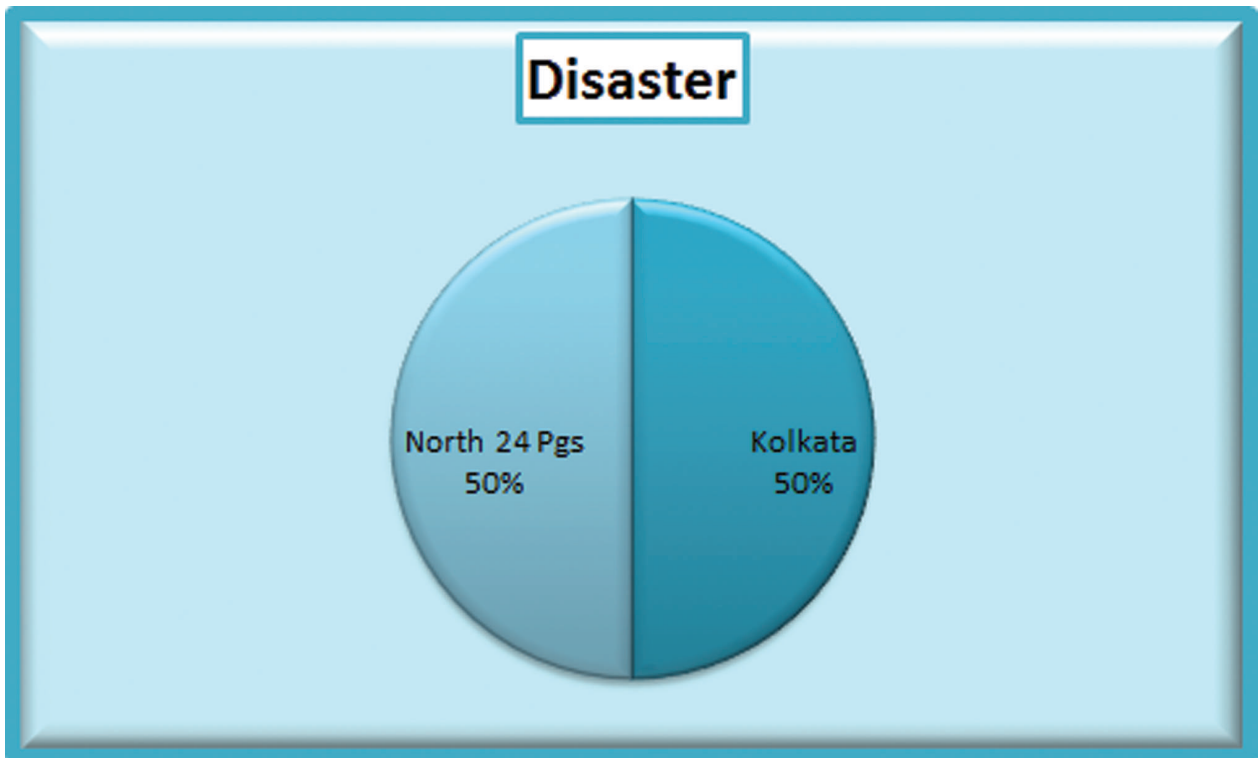
Among the missing cases, major victims were girl children. Cases were lodged after they fled away with their fiancé to get married. Their family members lodged missing cases. In some cases, they got married, in some cases they were caught before marriage. In a few cases they remained untraced. They have been trafficked for the purpose of domestic labour, commercial sexual exploitation.

Table: 1.19 Complaints addressed in relation to DISASTER
between 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

District	Number	Source	Closed
Kolkata	1	Suomotu - 1	
North 24 Pgs	1	Suomotu - 1	
	2		

Diagram: 1.19

Complaints addressed in relation to DISASTER



WhatsApp Helpline

WBCPCR launched its 24x7 WhatsApp Helpline - 9836300300 in 2018. The Hon'ble Minister, DWCD & SW Dr. Shashi Panja had announced this WAP helpline number in a WBCPCR's programme in Baharampur, Murshidabad. This Helpline number got activated from 10 September, 2018. Since then, a huge number of child rights violation cases of various categories were registered with this helpline number. Sometimes, complainants visit the Commission & lodge complaints personally or mail the complaints to the Commission even after registering the case on the helpline. In the period April, 2021 – March, 2022, out of 90 cases, 73 cases of child marriage were registered through the helpline number. Most of them were prevented by the Commission with the help of the district administration, police and Childline.

WhatsApp Helpline - 9836300300

Actions Taken

Methodology of Intervention : How cases are addressed

I. Visit

The Department of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal has set up West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights in exercise of powers under sub-section (1) read with clauses (a) to (d) of sub-section (2) under section 36 of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005 with the objective of ensuring protection of children against all forms of abuse and violation of child rights. The Commission has also been mandated to examine all factors that inhibit enjoyment of child rights, look into the matters relating to children in need of special care and protection including children in distress. The Commission is responsible to recommend appropriate remedial measures, analyze laws to examine their compliance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989 (UNCRC) and recommend remedial measures. The Commission is also meant to serve as a forum which children can access easily in order to seek redress for the violation of their rights.

The mandate also includes inspecting and monitoring custodial institutions for children to examine the situation and facilities as per Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. Through visit and in-depth analysis, the Chairperson, members and consultants provide inputs and suggestions to improve the services, ensure child friendly atmosphere within the institution. Visits are conducted in two ways--a) Regular routine visits to assess the compliance b) Based on a complaint against the custodial institution regarding any incidents of torture, unavailability of services meant for children, bad behavior of caregivers etc.

The Commission gets the complaint from the district administration authority, electronic and print media reports and individual citizens, even sometimes through anonymous persons.

After the visit, reports are prepared and sent to the concerned authority for taking action. Follow up visits are also conducted wherever it is required.

The Commission takes several proactive steps based on the complaint against the Head of the institution, a particular teacher/ a group of teachers, School Management Committee by visiting schools, meeting authorities, sending letters to concerned authorities. The Commission takes suo motu cognizance in a large number of cases before police has taken any action.

The Commission also visits Madrasahs in the districts of West Bengal where interaction and discussions take place on child rights and child protection.

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 Organizations, reports published in electronic and print media and other Commissions.

Based on the nature and gravity of the complaint, the Chairperson, members, consultants visit child friendly corners of police stations, attend court proceedings, meet survivors, visit hospitals and health centres, ICDS centres, correctional homes to do a comprehensive assessment.

WBCPCR visits both government and NGO run Child Care Institutions to assess the situation of children staying there. Correctional homes are also visited to supervise the situation of children

staying with their parents.

Police Station Visit: WBCPCR periodically visits the police stations of several districts throughout the state to uphold children's rights. The objective is to determine if the police are responding appropriately to situations on child rights violations.

CCI visit: This year the Hon'ble Chairperson, along with the members and judges visited a number of governmental and non-governmental Child Care Institutions (CCIs) of West Bengal for meticulous inspection. The condition of these CCIs was thoroughly reviewed to ensure that the security, health and educational needs of children were being met. A detailed review was prepared and sent to the concerned department.

II. Hearing

In exercise of the powers under Section 14 of CPC Act, 2005, the Commission has the power to summon and enforce the attendance of any person for hearing and examine him/her on oath. Such hearing is necessary for the purpose of inquiry, depending on the situation and circumstances of the case, which culminates to recommendation. Number of hearings in the period of 1 April, 2021 to 31 March, 2022 done by the Commission is 8.

III. Seeking reports Summoning, Recommendations

The Commission addresses all the complaints received. Suo Motu cognizance is also taken by the Commission at the point of reporting. The Commission has developed a system of registration of complaints, issuing of letters seeking reports, following up with reminders when there is no response from the concerned authorities/ institutions. Depending upon the gravity of the issue it constitutes teams to enquire into the violation of rights and recommends action. When there is no action taken report from the concerned authority/ institution despite reminders given, the accused / concerned persons are summoned.

Case Studies

Case Study 1

Meghna (name changed), a 17-year-old girl who lived in a district in North Bengal with her father and paternal grandparents, was regularly sexually abused by her paternal cousin brother. Her mother had left the house being a victim of domestic violence and had moved to a district in South Bengal, which was known to Meghna. Meghna was now looped in by the family to complete the household chores and unfortunately, she also became a victim of domestic violence while staying at her grandparents' house. In fact, the father and the grandparents knew about the incident of sexual abuse, but did not support her. Unable to bear the torture, both physical and mental, Meghna ran away from her grandparents house and somehow came back to her mother. She approached WBCPCR. She seemed to be in a deep mental stress. The legal team primarily counseled the minor girl to speak comfortably without hesitation.

After talking to the legal team of the Commission, the victim girl wrote a complaint but was petrified to go back to the district where her grandparents stayed. The legal team spoke to the Officer-in-Charge of that particular district who insisted on a hard copy of the complaint to be lodged in the Police station by the victim girl or her mother, otherwise no action would be taken. But, with the initiative of the Commission its continued insistence, the FIR was lodged in the police station via email.

With the persistence of the Commission, immediate action was taken and the accused person was arrested. Thereafter, the legal team of the Commission assisted her to be produced before CWC, to record her statement with the Investigating Officer, to have her medical examination done and also made arrangements for her care and protection.

The DSP of the district later appreciated the immediate cooperation and collaboration of the Commission in the case and stated it to be the first case in the District which was lodged via email. Actions were also taken against the father and the grandparents who did not report the instant case .

Although, the case is still pending but Meghna is satisfied that the offenders were punished . She has come out of the trauma and is presently pursuing Sociology Honours and is also doing a part-time job. She has dreams to work for the betterment of society.

Case Study 2

In December, 2021, West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights received information from an NGO, that a child of Kolkata was taken by her biological mother to South 24 Parganas with wrong intentions. The Commission took action immediately to rescue the child. On the same day a team comprising police, NGO representatives and others raided the said place and rescued the child. As per order of the Child Welfare Committee, Kolkata (in additional charge of South 24 Parganas then), the rescued child was sent to a CCI. The main accused, mother of the said child, tried to get back her child several times for negative purpose, but the Commission took strong steps along with CWC and assured the safety of the child. Since no fit person was identified, the child was sent to a SAA Home, as per the order of the present bench of CWC, South 24 Parganas.

Case Study 3

A rare case of a 14 year old boy who was entangled in a custody battle between his parents. In a custody battle , the 7 year old Abhishek Deb (name changed) was handed over to his mother and the father

was given visitation right. But, little Abhishek loved his father a lot and wanted to be with him. Meanwhile, the mother shifted to Noida and it was difficult on the part of the father to visit his son. Therefore, it was decided that during vacations from school, Abhishek would come down to Kolkata and spend time with his father. As days passed, Abhishek accommodated to such arrangements of his parents, although he was the one who was the sufferer.

But, as he was growing up he was tortured physically and mentally by his mother. For little things he used to bear the beatings and tantrums of his mother. He realized that he was a victim of domestic violence. For two years during the period of COVID – 19, Abhishek could not visit his father. He was dying to meet his father and share his grievance. Slowly and gradually he was going into depression. He was looking for an opportunity to visit his father. As soon as the lock down was lifted, he convinced his mother to allow him to visit his father in Kolkata.

After coming to Kolkata, Abhishek refused to go back to his mother. Abhishek disclosed all incidents of domestic violence to his father. His father noticed that Abhishek seemed to be in depression. The father took him to a Psychiatrist who suggested to him to approach West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

After talking to Abhishek and perusing his written complaint, the Commission in the best interest of the boy issued an exparte interim recommendation that the minor boy would stay with his father and would not go back to his mother till such time he did not want to on his own volition. Another date was fixed for final hearing in presence of all the parties. Such interim recommendation was challenged before Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta. The Court appreciated the recommendation to be purely interim and interlocutory in nature and directed the parties to be present in the final hearing scheduled by the Commission.

In the final recommendation too, the Commission, based on the law of the land, several judgements of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and keeping the best interest of the minor boy in mind recommended that the minor boy would stay with his father where he felt safe, secure and happy and directed the parties to approach the appropriate forum to decide on custody. The mother was recommended not to inflict any kind of pressure on the minor boy till such time the minor boy desired to speak to her.

Abhishek is happy today with his father and is studying in class XII. He wants to be a Computer Engineer.

Case study 4

The Commission received a complaint against a school relating to collection of excess fees in violation of Government order. The school was allegedly collecting huge amount of donations from students for Examination, Electricity, Supply of drinking water for the children where as per Section 3 of RTE, 2009 it is a fundamental right of every Child between the ages of 6 and 14 to get free and compulsory education.

The hon'ble Members and law officer visited the school to enquire. They found that the school was government-aided and they received Rs. 50,000 every six months.

After the Commission's intervention, the school authority had to appear before the District Inspector of the School, South 24 Parganas, on the issue and the school undertook to refund the excess amount to all students.

Chapter 5 : Activities and Programmes Undertaken

I. Activities

- **Review Meeting:** Quarterly review meetings with Police, Chairperson and Members of Child Welfare Committee, DCPOs and DSWOs, Superintendents of Government and NGO run CCIs are conducted on a regular basis to discuss the problems they face while working for children and a positive effort is made to find solutions. Interactions among stakeholders help remove the bottlenecks and render justice to children.
- **Collaboration with NGOs:** The Commission collaborates with NGOs working on child rights and child protection across West Bengal as they have knowledge, expertise and easy access to reach people living in the grass root level. The Commission organizes sensitization programmes on several child rights issues with them, prepares policy document with the support of NGOs and gets support in following up of cases.
- **Research:** The Commission undertakes research projects based on the emerging needs of society and to bring change in knowledge, policy and practice in terms of promoting child rights and ensuring child protection.

A **Research work** jointly taken up by WBCPCR & Kolkata Sanved on 'Mental Health Gap Assessment of Residents in the CCIs of West Bengal' is ongoing.

II. Child Friendly Fair

Kolkata International Book Fair

Since 2018, WBCPCR has been organizing a Child Friendly Corner at the Kolkata International Bookfair. Children from different corners of West Bengal participate and enjoy. It creates a huge impact among visitors in the Book Fair as WBCPCR is the first Commission in India to set up a child friendly corner in the Book Fair.

In 2022, the Commission was also allotted a good space at the 45th International Kolkata Bookfair & the Child Friendly Corner was installed with the focal theme 'Primary School'. WBCPCR's Child Friendly Corner was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister, DWCD & SW Dr. Shashi Panja on 1 March, 2022. Sri Surojit Chattopadhyay, eminent musician & lyricist graced the occasion with his presence. He composed a song for the Commission on prevention of child marriage. He sung the song along & children of Pragya Cultural performed with his tune.

Hullor, the children's magazine of the Commission completed its five years of publication. Hullor along with other publications including CPCR's IEC materials like booklets, posters and research reports on child rights issues were displayed at the Child Friendly Corner at the Book Fair.

Children along with their guardians & caregivers visited the corner, 1 March to 13 March, 2022. They staged performance, took part in sessions, quiz, games conducted by the Commission.

There were three layers of activities & participation of children at the corner.

1. Children from Child Care Institutions and disadvantaged communities across Kolkata and nearby districts showcased dance performances, songs, issue-based dramas/skits, self-defence shows.

2. The NGOs and Community Based Organizations in and around Kolkata participated and helped the Commission conduct various activities with children which are as follows.
 - Quiz on general knowledge and active citizenship
 - Several interactive and edutainment games
 - Demonstration of Martial Art
 - Art workshop
3. Celebrities and noted professional from different sectors visited the corner & conducted several workshops for the children.
 - Cartoon drawing Workshop – Upal SenGupta
 - Poetry Writing Workshop -Bithi Chattopadhyay
 - Quiz-Troy Roy Chowdhury
 - Mental Health workshop by Jhuma Basak
 - Acting Workshop – Sudeshna Roy
 - Story Telling by Kaveri Roychowdhury
 - Folk with Rabindrasangeet by Joysankar & Somali
 - Art Workshop by Sharmistha Sarkar
 - Public Speaking workshop by Arna Seal & Manjir Ghosh
 - Gender talks by Bappaditya Mukherjee
 - Music by Soumitra Roy's Bhoomi
 - Prasun Bhowmik's Poetry Reading
 - Story telling- Ullas Mallik
 - Camera Workshop by Debolina Mazumder
 - Music by Dohar Band
 - Story reading by Indira Mukhopadhyay
 - Theatre Workshop by Kuldeep Polley
 - A Seminar on Children Literature: Sohini Sengupta, Pracheta Gupta, Ullash Mallik. Moderator Mahuya Santra

Limericks & drawings created by the children in the workshops were published in the WBCPCR's children's magazine, Hullor. Children staying in Child Care Institutions & underprivileged situations created a number of small canvas paintings. It gave them a sense of ownership.

Little Magazine Fair

WBCPCR took part in the Little Magazine Fair held from 3-7 February, 2022 at Rabindrasadan – Nandan area. The Commission exhibited its children's magazine Hullor along with child rights related booklets. Children visited the stall.

IV Awards from WBCPCR

- Birangana and Birpurush Puraskar : The Bravery Award for children was introduced by the Commission in 2016. Girls and boys across the state who play proactive roles in prevention of child marriage and child abuse, facilitate education & work for protecting child rights and inspire their communities & the country are felicitated and awarded with plaques and certificates.

Children who rescue lives from accident or any disaster and serve the community are also felicitated. In 2021, 22 girls received the Birangana Award and 8 boys received the Birpurush Award. There were some cases where girls were sexually assaulted and offenders tried to ruin their lives, later they came out as successful meritorious students fighting out all the odds in their lives.

- **Shishushree:** The State Media Award for reporting on Child Rights– Shishushree Award was introduced in the year 2017. The objective of giving this award is to sensitize media on protection of child rights and the rights of minors. WBCPCR aspires to recognize and honour those journalists of Bengal from both print and electronic media (in Bengali & English) who have endeavoured to uphold child sensitive issues in a responsible manner and thereby sensitized readers and viewers. The Shishushree Award was given to 9 journalists while 5 journalists received a Certificate of Special Mention.
- **Police Bravery Award:** The Commission introduced the Police Bravery Award in 2018. The award is for Child Friendly Police personnel for her/his best performance in working for the Children in Need of Care & Protection. The criteria for selection include, awareness of all the provisions of JJ & POCSO Act, courage in preventing crimes against children and raising awareness on Child Rights as well as child protection, proactive & responsible role in child rights related cases. Four police officers received the Police Bravery Award in 2021.
- **Best Superintendent of CCI and the Best CCI Award:** The Commission introduced the award for the Best Superintendent of CCI and the Best CCI in West Bengal in 2018. The awards are given to those CCIs and Superintendents who show exemplary initiatives to keep children safe and secured. It is also examined whether they follow the West Bengal Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Rules, 2017 properly. In 2021, Ananda Ashram in Murshidabad and Baal Surakha Abhijaan Trust for Boys in Kalimpong received the Best CCI Awards.
- **Best Posters on Child Rights**
A 'Poster Making Competition' was arranged by WBCPCR in May 2021 for children from class VI- XII on child Rights themes. Participants were asked to express their ideas on 'Child Marriage and How to prevent it' & 'Awareness on POCSO Act, 2021' through developing posters and expressing their thoughts and understanding on it. Extremely creative and attractive posters were received from different school students across the State. Awards were delivered to the best three students in three age group categories.

II. Observance of Important Days

- **National Girl Child Day**
Every year January 24 is observed as the National Girl Child Day. To mark the occasion, WBCPCR held a workshop on child marriage and POCSO Act with children of a tribal community along with their mothers in South 24 Parganas on January 30, 2022.
- **State Child Protection Day**
Every year WBCPCR observes the State Child Protection Day on 9 June. In 2021, during COVID times, the day was observed on virtual mode in collaboration with UNICEF & FADV. In addition to their online performances, the children from all the government run Child Care Institutions took an oath on child protection. There was an exclusive Question -Answer session for them where children directly raised their questions to the Hon'ble Minister Dr. Shashi Panja and she responded to every child. Hullor's June issue 2021 was published. The Commission arranged a special lunch for the children of all government CCIs on this occasion.

- **Khela Hobe Divas**

The Khela Hobe Divas was observed throughout the State of West Bengal on 16 August 2021. WBCPCR organized football matches for children & minors in the district of Alipurduar, Murshidabad and North 24 Parganas in collaboration with the district administration and several NGOs working for child rights such as Jaiprakash Institute for Social Change (JPISC), Magic Bus India Foundation, Coral Aid and Jabala Action Research Organisation. Girls from several communities and tea gardens and boys of a number of Child Care Institutions participated in the matches. The Commission's objective was to promote the Right to Play among children.

- **International Day against Human Trafficking**

The International Day against Human Trafficking was observed by WBCPCR on 30th July 2021 in a novel way. A 15-year-old boy of North Bengal who was trafficked at a very young age and had worked as a domestic labour in a house was made Chairperson of the Commission for a day. The boy wrote out a Charter of Demands for the Hon'ble Minister of the Department of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare Dr. Shashi Panja. He stressed on education for all children and demanded more stringent child right laws to prevent child labour & trafficking problem.

- **Raksha Bandhan Day**

On 22 August 2021 WBCPCR celebrated the Raksha-Bandhan festival with children of 18 government run Child Care Institutions in the state. Children were asked to make Rakhis and tie them on their friends' hands. The slogan of the event was, Bariye dao tomar haat—Reach out your hand for friendship.

- **International Child Rights Day**

The International Child Rights Day is observed on 20 November every year. In 2021 due to COVID situation the Commission observed the day at Rabindra Tirtha in a very restricted manner following all COVID protocols and maintaining all precautions. The awards Birangana-Birpurush, Shishusree, Police Bravery, Best Superintendent of CCI, Best CCI, and Online Poster Drawing Competition on POCSO and Child Marriage were distributed in the event. The Commission's planner and calendar for 2022 were released.

- **International Child Rights Week**

During the COVID crisis, WBCPCR observed the International Child Rights Week from 14 to 20 November, 2022. On November 14, three trams decorated with child rights posters and banners carrying more than 75 kids from three different areas of Kolkata arrived at the Esplanade Tram Depot. On the sunny winter morning of November 16, 100 kids visited the Kolkata Zoo. 80 children visited Science City on November 17. As a token of appreciation, gift bags were also provided to children by the Commission.

III. WORKSHOP & VISIT IN DISTRICTS

Sl	District	Programme/ Visit	Date	Collaboration/Partnership
1	Purulia	Visiting government hospital, workshop on child Mental Health & drive against child labour	7-8 April, 2021	District Administration
2	Howrah	Workshop on marginalised children & mental Health	21-22 April, 2021	Don Bosco Ashalyam
3	Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri	Visit of Madhu and Varnabari tea estates in Alipurduar, Haldibari, Yongthong, and Nagaisuri tea estates in Jalpaiguri.	July, 2021	
4	North & South Dinajpur, Malda, Murshidabad, Nadia, East & West Midnapore & East & West Bardhaman Bankura, Purulia, Birbhum, Jhargram	CCI visit	November, 2021	District Administration
5	All the districts	Police Station visit	Throughout the year	
6	Seven government schools in Howrah	Workshops on POCSO, cybercrime, child marriage, and child trafficking workshops were held with students from seven government schools	17 Feb 2022	Howrah Child Line

IV. Campaign

- **Child Labour Prevention**

In October, 2021, WBCPCR launched a month -long Auto campaign for preventing child labour & child beggary during the festival season. The campaign started from Tollygunge police station. The initiative was supported by the Kolkata Police, the State Labour Department along with several NGOs working on the prevention of child beggary & child labour.

- **Auto campaign for child vaccination**

WBCPCR launched an Auto Campaign for Vaccination of children in the age group of 15-18 years at Mohor Kunja, Kolkata on 2 February, 2022. The initiative was taken by WBCPCR in collaboration with CINI. Sri Debashish Kumar, Member, Mayor-in-Council, KMC and other dignitaries were present at the programme. About 90 children of Kolkata living in street situations

or school dropouts or having no documents also took their first doses at three different vaccination centres of UPHC.

V. WORKSHOP

● Online Media Workshop with a leading daily

The Juvenile Justice Act 2015 and the POCSO Act 2012 are two of the most critical child rights laws. Keeping the request of a leading Daily of Kolkata, WBCPCR organized a sensitization workshop for the journalists of a daily Newspaper on JJ Act 2015 & POCSO Act 2012.

● Sensitization Workshop on POCSO

WBCPCR organizes sensitization workshops regularly in various schools & madrassas & other community based institutions. across the state. In addition to students, teachers, parents and other school personnel attend the workshops. The Commission believes sensitization of caregivers & people who remain around the children is also important to prevent POCSO cases.

VI. NATIONAL & REGIONAL MEETING

Regional Level Meeting on POCSO Act, 2012

WBCPCR took part in a Regional Level Meeting on POCSO Act (2012) held in Bhubaneswar on March 30, 2022 organised by the Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

National Level Meeting

WBCPCR attended a national-level workshop in Bhopal on 4 & 5 of March, 2022 organised by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights held in Bhopal. All State Child Commissions for Protection of Child Rights participated in the workshop.

VII . Online Activities

Sl.	Date	Subject
1.	December 14, 2021	Hearing of a case
2.	December 3, 2021	Virtual speech competition on Ballyo Bibaho -Shishu Shrom er ar ek naam in collaboration with UNICEF, Kolkata.
3.	November 27, 2021	Virtual extempore competition on Necessity to get back to school: Let's go to school friends (in English) in collaboration with UNICEF, Kolkata.
4.	September 23, 2021	State level Consultation on Violence against Children during COVID-19 pandemic
5.	September 21, 2021	District level Consultation on Identification, Protection from violence and Safety of Children Affected by COVID 19
6.	September 20, 2021	State level Consultation on Advocacy for Identification, Protection from violence and Safety of Children Affected by COVID 19
7.	September 13, 2021	Consultation on several issues of CWSN Children and Management
8.	August 31, 2021	Meeting with Bankura Police regarding Community Radio
9.	August 27, 2021	Workshop on Mental Health with school children

VII . Online Activities

Sl.	Date	Subject
10.	August 26, 2021	Workshop on POCSO with school children
11.	July 19, 2021	Online Session on Health and Well Being of Children
12.	July 9, 2021	Awareness on emotional wellbeing of Children during COVID-19
13.	July 6, 2021	Webinar on the status of adolescent's vulnerability in West Bengal
14.	July 5, 2021	Virtual Advocacy Workshop on Poster making & copywriting on POCSO
15.	June 21, 2021	Training on how to deal with mental health issues of children
16.	June 3, 2021	Training on how to deal with physical health issues of children
17.	May 25, 2021	Webinar on 'Status of marginalized children during the period of COVID-19'
18.	May 13, 2021	Webinar regarding several issues of Private Schools during pandemic
19.	May 11, 2021	Review meeting on missing children - situation at present
20.	May 7, 2021	Webinar regarding several issues of Schools during pandemic
21.	April 30, 2021	Online hearing through Google Meet on 30th April 2021 at 11 AM

VIII. PROGRAMMES IN COLLABORATION WITH UNICEF

Sl	Date	Subject	Description
Amplifying and enhancing voices of children with reference to Child Rights issues			
1.	1st October, 2021,	Essay Competition on How Covid pandemic has rolled back Child Rights - Your Vision of Children in your country in future.	School Children
2.	15 December, 2021	Virtual awareness workshop on 'Online Safety	
3.	27 November, 2021	Virtual extempore competition on : Necessity to get back to school : Let's go to school	
4.	20 December, 2021	Voices of children', focussing on the survivors of Trafficking, (from South and North 24 pgs)	
5.	3 December, 2021	Virtual speech competition on "Ballo Bibaho - Shishu Shrom er ar ek naam",	
6.	29 October, 2021	Virtual debate on 'Ballyo bibahe ki beshi joruri, Aayin na Sachetanata'	
Digital Story			
7.		Digital Story on Child Marriage	
8.		Digital Story on vaccination	
9.		Digital Story on Nutrition	

IX. OTHERS

● **The Joy of Cricket**

The Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) arranged for 35 children from two government run CCIs of West Bengal to attend the third T20 match of the final series at the Eden Gardens, in response to a request from the WBCPCR. For the first time these children from CCIs watched an international cricket match at the historical Eden Gardens.

● **Yash relief**

WBCPCR distributed relief materials to 400 children affected by 'Yash' in East Medinipur district. Relief material included essential supplies along with health bags, sanitary napkins, study and drawing notebooks, storybooks, pencils, and geometry boxes. 100 children's homes received candles and stoves in addition to this.

● **Child marriage play 'Naari-Nakshatra'**

A human puppet based play on Child marriage and its evils performed by a group in Labhpur in Birbhum was videographed and made into a film for advocacy and awareness building.

Chapter 6 : Role of the Commission during COVID times

1. Vaccination Campaign for Marginalized children

WBCPCR launched the project of administering the Covid vaccine to children between ages of 15 and 18 who did not have the required official documentation to receive it, particularly those who were not in school, dropouts, or staying in street situations.

2. Observance of the National Girl Child Day

The Commission held a COVID vaccination camp for girl children to observe the National Girl Child Day in 2022. It was held in Ward Number 79 in Kolkata Port area. 19 children between the ages of 15 and 18 received their first dose of vaccine.

3. CCI Visit

In order to assess the conditions of the various government and NGO run child care institutions throughout the state, WBCPCR made visits to the CCIs. Health, education and child safety issues were looked into.

4. Regular Office Meeting

WBCPCR worked online & held regular office meetings through webinars during COVID times.

5. Online meeting with Districts

WBCPCR held a number of meetings with high-ranking and concerned officials of various districts to protect child rights in the Covid situation. Workshops were also organized regularly by the Commission on POCSO, cybercrime, child marriage, missing children and child trafficking. All stakeholders participated in the workshops.

6. Webinar on Covid orphan

In the Covid situation, many children lost their parents or guardians. On social media, many expressed their desire to adopt these children. Adoption in this manner is strictly prohibited. WBCPCR organized a discussion on social media to raise awareness about the legal procedures for child adoption and its various aspects. Lawyer Debashis Banerjee and many other prominent speakers from various fields took part.

7. Online Hearing

When addressing various issues of child right violations, WBCPCR must set up hearings. Online hearings were also done during the Covid situation.

8. Online Workshop

WBCPCR also organized a series of workshops in collaboration with UNICEF. Students from various

schools participated in the workshops. The topics included making posters and slogans regarding POCSO and prevention of child marriage, as well as public speaking on child rights issues like right to education and preventative measures for child labour. The training was provided by eminent artists Debashish Dev, Uday Dev, educationist Abhik Majumdar, Arna Sil and Manjeer Ghosh, writer and lyricist Chandril Bhattacharya and director-musician Anindya Chattopadhyay.

9. FaceBook Live

Sl. No	Date	Subject
1.	Jan 10, 2022	কোভিড জিজ্ঞাস্য : Vaccination for 15-18 years - ছোটদের ভ্যাকসিন
2	Sep 11, 2021	কোভিড জিজ্ঞাস্য : Nutrition & Well Being - পুষ্টি ও সুস্বাস্থ্য
3	Sep 4, 2021	সহজ পাঠ - First Anniversary Celebration
4	Aug 14, 2021	বাংলার শক্তি কন্যাশ্রী (Kanyashree - the Shakti of Bengal)
5	Aug 7, 2021	কোভিড জিজ্ঞাস্য : Online Safety for Children - নেটে থাকব জালে পড়ব না
6	Jul 31, 2021	Understanding and Combating Trafficking
7	Jul 30, 2021	Chairperson Messi - One day child chairperson of WBCPCR
8	Jul 25, 2021	কোভিড জিজ্ঞাস্য : শিশুর নিয়মিত টিকাকরণ
9	Jul 24, 2021	কোভিড জীবনের পরীক্ষা
10	Jul 17, 2021	কোভিড - গার্হস্থ্য হিংসা ও শিশু
11	Jul 10, 2021	কোভিড জিজ্ঞাস্য : কোভিড ও শিশু শ্রমিক
12	Jun 27, 2021	কোভিড জিজ্ঞাস্য : কোভিডে শিশুদের ভালো থাকা (Well-being of Children during the COVID Pandemic)
13	Jun 19, 2021	Combating Child Trafficking - Post COVID
14	Jun 12, 2021	কোভিড জিজ্ঞাস্য : নবজাতক ও কোভিড
15	Jun 9, 2021	Online observance of the State Child Protection Day on 9th June, 2021
16	Jun 5, 2021	কোভিডে শিশুদের ভালো থাকা
17	May 22, 2021	কোভিডে শিশু সুরক্ষা
18	May 15, 2021	গরমের ছুটি
19	May 8, 2021	Children in COVID situation

Chapter 7 : Significant Achievement

Raid & Rescue of Minors

On August, 2021 the Commission received a confidential information from an NGO, that minor girls were being trafficked from different parts of West Bengal and other states to a brothel at Asansol area. The Commission formed a team comprising Hon'ble Chairperson, Member, Special Consultant and Consultant along with CWC, police and NGO representatives and organized a rescue operation at the said brothel. After an intensive raid and enquiry 45 girls were identified as minors and they were taken to the Women PS of Asansol. The team also arrested perpetrators (pimps, customers, owners of the brothels) and sent them to the concerned police stations. After prima facie investigation done by CWC, Paschim Burdwan, 21 girls were identified as minors and was sent to the CCI. The case is still pending.

Music Video Campaign on Prevention of Child Marriage

WBCPCR is relentlessly working on generating awareness towards child rights. As part of its awareness campaign WBCPCR created a music video on prevention of child marriage. Lyrics, composition & music arrangement was done by the eminent musician Sutrajit Chatterjee. The song was sung by Surajit Chatterjee & Lopamudra Mitra along with a group of child artists. WBCPCR also made a music video on the song. The song starts with the line 'Ami Korbona Biye Go Ma' – 'I am not interested in marriage right now as I am yet to reach my adulthood'. The music video is played in every child marriage related workshop & consultation organized by the Commission & district administration. This campaign against child marriage has made a huge mark in villages.

Naari Nakshatra- Human puppet campaign

WBCPCR, the first Child Rights Commission in the country used human - puppetry in the awareness campaign related to child marriage. The Commission made a film on the issue. The title of the film is 'Naari Nakshatra'. It is a common belief that puppet theatre has taken a back seat in the digital age. But the Commission has received a huge response on the film. The actors of Birbhum Sanskriti Bahini scripted & performed in this film. Here human puppetry has been used as a medium of educative tool.

Chapter 8 : Information under the Right to Information Act, 2005

Applications under RTI Act, 2005 received in the year 2021-22

RTI Details From 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022

Cases	Number
Total cases	31
JJ Act	4
RTE Act	1
Others	26

The Commission addressed all the cases.

Chapter 9 : Publications of WBCPCR

Publication of Calendars and Planners

WBCPCR's Calendar of 2022 was released on the occasion of International Child Rights Day programme on 20 November, 2022 at Rabindra Teertha. The tagline of the Calendar was 'Swadeshe Pujyote Raja, Bidwan Sorbotro Pujyote'. WBCPCR paid tribute to 12 Educationists who had pioneering contribution towards women & girls' education in India. Illustrations were done by Pf. Utsav Chatterjee & Copy was written by Mahuya Santra.

WBCPCR's Planner 2022 was also released on the occasion of International Child Rights Day programme on 20 November, 2022 at Rabindra Teertha. The cover & inside pages illustrations were done by the eminent artist Debashish Deb. The theme of the planner was child rights & its pictorial depiction.

HULLOR

West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights publishes a children's magazine- Hullor. It is a quarterly magazine of and for children.

It is a prominent children's magazine in the country, where minors from a wide cross-section of society, including CCL (Children in Conflict with Law) and CNCP (Children in Need of Care and Protection) children voice their opinions, depict their dreams and illustrate their aspirations. It is both exclusive and inclusive in nature. It is the only magazine in Bengali language in the country where child rights issues are addressed exclusively. Internationally acclaimed writers, poets, painters, cricketers like Sourav Ganguly, Ruskin Bond, Shoojit Sarkar, Aparna Sen, Pf. Maitreesh Ghatak, Srijit Mukherjee, Chiranjeev, Sabyasachi Chakraborty are regular contributors to a government run magazine, which is unique.

The inaugural issue of Hullor was released by Dr. Shashi Panja, the Hon'ble MIC, DWCD & SW, WB on 20 March, 2017. Since 2019, Hullor became a priced publication. Hullor June issue, 2020 was published despite the countrywide lockdown. It was named – The Phoenix Issue.

It obtained due registration from Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) as WBCPCR CHILDREN MAGAZINE (Reg. No. WBBEN/ 2018/76942).

Since its inaugural issue, Hullor received huge appreciation from all quarters specially from children of CCIs and schools. These children rarely get an exposure to eminent writers like Ruskin Bond or Sankha Ghosh or meet Sourav Ganguli through interviews or appreciate Chiranjit Chakrabarty's paintings or Sabyasachi Chakrabarty's wildlife photos except between the two covers of Hullor.

Children get the flavour of wildlife of Masaimara, Kenya or Bandhabgarh, Madhyapradesh through the lens of eminent actor and wildlife photographer Sabyasachi Chakrabarty. At the same time, Bachendri Pal, the first Indian woman who reached the summit of Mount Everest tells them about the golden rules on how to conquer peaks as well as unprecedented obstacles in life.

Simultaneously, its cover stories are based on various child rights issues, such as child trafficking, POCSO Act 2012, sexuality, porn addiction in childhood, trans sexuality in children, right to play, menstruation, how to debate. The Counselling section deals with issues like how to stop telling lies, kleptomania, how to motivate yourself.

In brief, Hullor inspires children to learn how to think and also empowers them on better awareness regarding rights of children ensured under the acts and provisions implemented by CPCR. Along with well known contributors, the children of CCIs also find space between the pages for their opinions and creations.

Chapter 10 : Special Project---Community Radio Programme--Sahaj Path

Overview: **SahajPath**, the Community Radio project of WBCPCR in collaboration with Jadavpur University's community radio station RadioJU 90.8 MHz for bridging the learning gap for children in underprivileged situation started in September, 2020. It was the first of its kind government project in the state of West Bengal where street children were re-acquainted with their school syllabus through community radio. It started functioning on 2 September, 2020. This was a half hour programme narrowcast between 11-30am & 12noon thrice a week on RadioJU. It included talks on child rights, music sessions, storytelling classes along with primary level school syllabus. Primary school goer-children listened to the programmes directly. Children living in street situations and slum areas got access to listen to these programmes through WBCPCR's web upload also. The programme has been widely used & completed an year in September 2021 and is still going strong.

(URL: <http://wbcpcr.org/community-radio.php>)

Facilitators: Three NGOs, Save the Children, IPER & Hope Kolkata Foundation facilitated the project

with teaching material. Children in underprivileged situations regularly listen to these programmes in their learning centres. These are also uploaded on Youtube for consumption of all.

Rationale: Children from rural & suburban Bengal could access it through the District Administrations. The Commission found that children in street situations who were mostly first-generation learners, were one of the most disadvantaged communities when it came to online learning. Therefore, the Commission felt those children with no access to internet and smartphones might be reached through offline modes which included the use of community radio methods.

Advantages:

- This programme supported the children in street situations & slum areas with continued access to learning while schools/ learning centres were closed in the COVID situation.
- It helped them engage towards constructive activity, leading to prevention of child rights violations.
- Children got sensitized about their rights through the programmes.
- Children got the opportunity to voice their opinions.
- Children got involved in enlightened entertainment and a more creative world.

Replicability: A few institutions expressed their desire to replicate the project of supportive learning method for children staying in underprivileged conditions.

Chapter 11: Recommendation

Awareness Campaign

1. In post Covid situation more & more awareness programmes & campaigns are required to prevent child marriage & child labour problems.
2. Building awareness among school children, both boys & girls against the menace of child marriage & child labour is to be taken up by all stakeholders.
3. Boys need to be included in sensitization programme regarding child marriage, POCSO & trafficking issues.

Trafficking

4. Awareness building campaign for the prevention of trafficking is to be taken up intensively in all educational institutions in both rural and urban pockets. Schools may include literature on trafficking, highlighting the traps that traffickers use to lure vulnerable persons and the numerous evils of trafficking.
5. Follow-up mechanism after the survivors' return home has to be put into place by the concerned

agencies. The Panchayat Department, The Health Department & village level CPCs should ensure that various services including both mental and physical medical care be made available to the survivors.

RTE

6. Schools must ensure all the required fire safety & security system is followed mandatorily.
7. An effort should be made to keep boys in school beyond class VIII by making attendance in school mandatory. Incentive like mid-day meal or like Kanyashree project may be planned for boys.

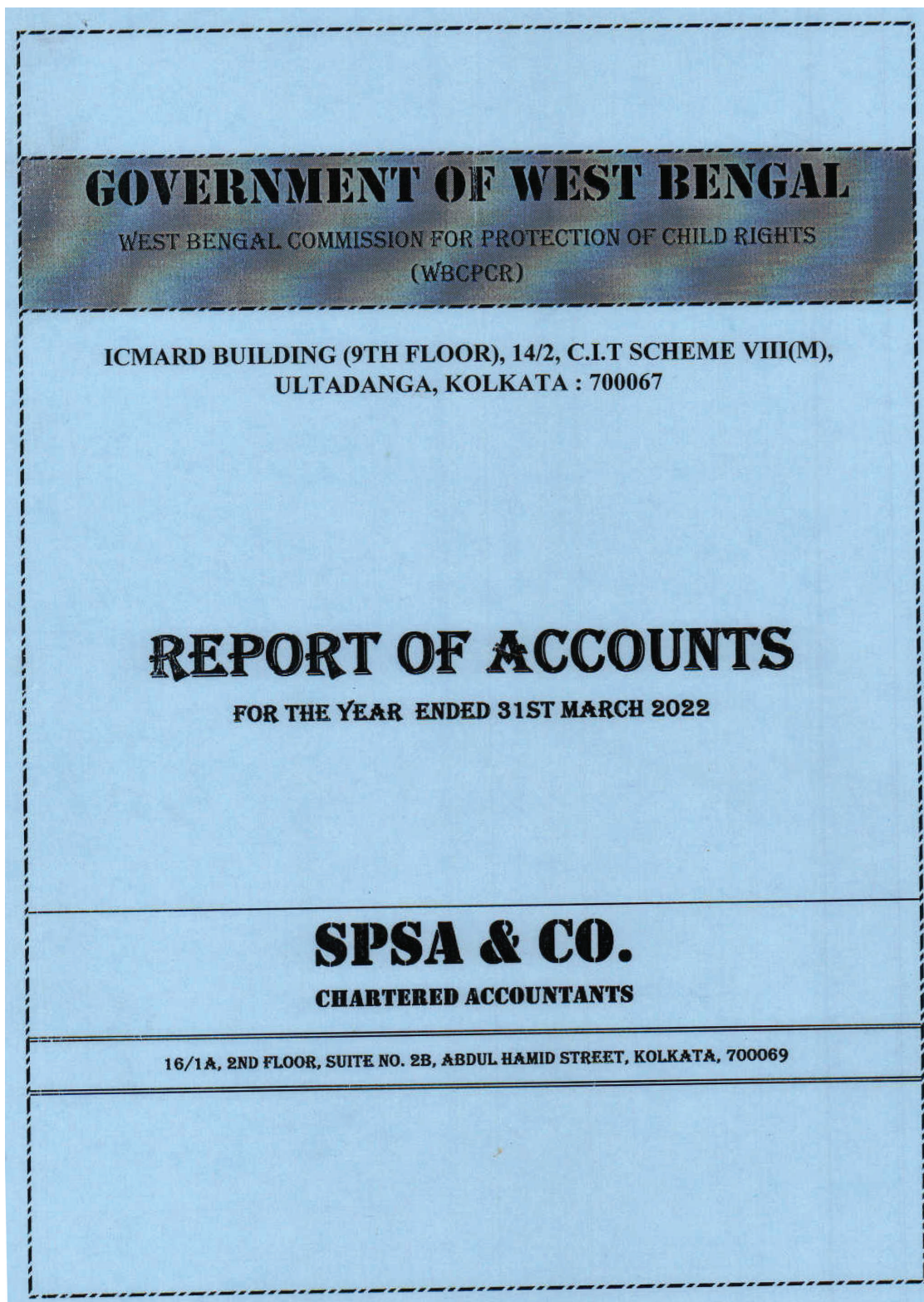
Regarding Children in Institutional Care

8. Mental Health care for children in Child Care Institutions is to be taken care of with priority.
9. Initiation of dialogue and discussion with mental health experts to develop or adapt care guidelines and training manuals to manage the children with behavioural challenges in CCIs is required.
10. Training of care givers is required. Refresher training is also recommended.
11. Periodic discussion sessions with residents & caregivers is recommended.
12. A periodic screening of mental health status of children is recommended.

Media sensitization on child rights

13. The media has an important role to play in protecting and promoting the rights of the child. While interviewing children, the media needs to be vigilant about the content of the interview so that it does not affect the child's right to privacy.
14. Media shall protect the identity of the child and ensure that any visual showing the face of the child must be completely blurred in cases where privacy/anonymity is required.
15. Media should be sensitized on gender perspective of child rights.
16. Children should not be exposed to harmful content on-screen. They must be protected from images that could have a lasting and detrimental impact on them. This includes images of violence and of a sexual nature, pornography and extreme language.
17. Media must be sensitized so that the reporting does not lead to any kind of stigmatization of a child.
18. Schools ensure all the required fire safety & security system mandatorily & strictly.

Chapter 12 : Auditor's report and Balance Sheet



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*"We will either find a way"***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, 2022, 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 include 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, 2022; and
- b. In the case of the Income & Expenditure Account of the excess of income over expenditure of its accounting year ended as on that date.

For SPSA & CO.

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*"We will either find a way"***SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE**

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

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

2. FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

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 2021-2022 Govt Grant received and credited to the bank for an amount of Rs. 2,34,00,000.00/-. Other Grants and Donations received by the Commission during the year 2021-2022 was Rs. 34,74,100.00/-.

4. NOTES OF THE ACCOUNTS

- a. Cash balance as on 31.03.2022 is Rs. 425.00/- has been certified by the Management of the Commission.
- b. Depreciation has been provided on Furniture. @ 10%, AC Machine & EPBX Machine @ 15% & on Computer, Laptop, and Computer related accessories & Printer @ 40%.
- c. There are some parties whose TDS not been deducted in current FY 2021-22 as per report provided.
- d. In expenses part there are some regrouping of expense head had been done as per management confirmation.

For SPSA & CO.

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ICMARD BUILDING (9TH FLOOR), 14/2, C.I.T SCHEME VIII(M), ULTADANGA, KOLKATA : 700067					
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2022					
LIABILITIES	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	ASSETS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
Capital Fund :			Furniture :		
As per Last A/c	22,88,230.89		As per Last A/c	9,83,435.00	
Less : Surplus - Transferred from I & E A/c.	1,98,412.00	24,86,642.89	Less : Depreciation	98,344.00	8,85,091.00
Liability for Expenses :			AC Machine :		
O/s Programme Expenses	3,65,363.00		As per Last A/c	2,22,533.00	
Duties & Taxes	16,611.00	3,81,974.00	Less : Depreciation	33,380.00	1,89,153.00
			Computer		
			As per Last A/c	3,80,552.30	
			Add : Addition during the year	91,379.00	
				4,71,931.30	
			Less : Depreciation	1,88,772.00	2,83,159.30
			EPBX Machine		
			As per Last A/c	39,120.00	
			Less : Depreciation	5,868.00	33,252.00
			Advance for Programme		3,35,000.00
			Cash & Cash Equivalents		
			Cash in Hand (As Certified)	425.00	
			Balance with Banks	11,42,536.59	11,42,961.59
		28,68,616.89			28,68,616.89

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Partner
Membership No : 066084

UDIN : 22066084ASJWGF1649

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2022


EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	INCOME	AMOUNT
Annual Report & Magazine Printing	9,60,480.00	Donation From NGOs	61,000.00
Bibi Russel & Liluah Expenses	1,76,400.00	Donations From Individuals	5,000.00
Book Fair 2022	8,00,224.00	Grant From Department(W &CD and SW Dept)	2,34,00,000.00
Consultant Fees	31,83,154.00	Grant From UNICEF	34,08,100.00
Electricity & Water Tax	3,74,421.00	Income From Hullor	8,896.00
Honorarium to CP & Members	31,56,000.00	Interest From AXIS BANK	2,615.00
IEC Printed Materials	10,00,000.00	Interest From Union /Corporation Bank	46,137.00
Meeting & Seminar/Workshop & Research Work	15,44,520.00	Reimbursement Consultant & Others From UNICEF	6,21,480.00
Office Expenses	14,87,062.00		
Office Telephone Charges	3,00,000.00		
Public Hearing / Home & School Visit	2,20,044.00		
Rent & Service Tax	34,21,942.00		
UNICEF (2020-21)	5,000.00		
UNICEF (2021-22)	34,13,400.00		
UNICEF KOLKATA	4,33,350.00		
Wages	7,00,000.00		
Ganga Sagar Expenses	4,85,964.00		
Car Hiring Charges Of Office	15,37,128.00		
Car & Telephone Allowances Of CP & Members	1,37,272.00		
Child Protection Day 2021-22	9,30,109.00		
Child Rights Day 2021-22	7,12,874.00		
Child Rights Week 2021-22	14,98,782.00		
Depreciation	3,26,364.00		
Sishusree & Other Awards	5,50,326.00		
Surplus - Transferred to Capital Account	1,98,412.00		
	2,75,53,228.00		2,75,53,228.00

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2022					
RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
Opening Balance as on 01.04.2021			GST(CGST& GST) (Net)		177.00
Cash In Hand	-		Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) (Net)		13,114.00
Balance with Banks	5,91,178.59	5,91,178.59	Computer		72,971.00
			Printer		18,408.00
Donation From NGOs		61,000.00	Advance for Prog (Net)		5,000.00
Donations From Individuals		5,000.00	Reimbursement of TA Bill for Tour From NCPCR		18,562.00
Grant From Department(W &CD and SW Dept)		2,34,00,000.00	Annual Report & Magazine Printing		8,56,680.00
Grant From UNICEF		34,08,100.00	Bibi Russell & Lituah Home Expenses		1,76,400.00
Income From Hullor		8,896.00	Book Fair 2022 (Net)		9,04,024.00
Interest From Axis Bank		2,615.00	Car Hiring Charges Of Office		25,06,392.00
Interest From Union /Corporation Bank		46,137.00	Car & Telephone Allowances Of CP & Members		1,37,272.00
Reimbursement of TA Bill for Tour From NCPCR		18,562.00	Child Protection Day 2021-2022		9,30,109.00
Reimbursement Consultant & Others From UNICEF		6,21,480.00	Child Rights Day 2021-2022 (Net)		7,12,874.00
			Child Rights Week 2021-2022		5,29,518.00
			Consultant Fees		29,30,553.00
			Electricity & Water Tax		3,74,421.00
			Gangasagar Expenses		1,200.00
			Honorarium -Cp & Members		31,56,000.00
			IECPrinted Materials (21-22) (Net)		11,37,326.00
			Meeting & Seminar/Workshop & Research Work (Net)		15,14,520.00
			Office Expenses		14,76,684.00
			Office Telephone Charges		3,10,378.00
			Public Hearing /Home & School Visit		2,20,044.00
			Rent & Service Tax		39,06,706.00

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		Sishusree & Other Awards (21-22)		4,13,000.00
		Wages (14 Days)		9,52,601.00
		UNICEF (2020-21)		5,000.00
		UNICEF (2021-2022) (Net)		33,06,723.00
		UNICEF KOLKATA		4,33,350.00
		<u>Closing Balance as on 31.03.2022</u>		
		Cash In Hand	425.00	
		Balance with Banks	11,42,536.59	11,42,961.59
		2,81,62,968.59		2,81,62,968.59

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DEPRECIATION AS PER IT ACT 1961 FOR THE FY 2021-22						
Name of Assets	Rate of Depreciation	Opening WDV of the Assets as on 01.04.2021	Additions for a period of 180 days or more in the previous year	Additions for a period of less than 180 days in the previous year	Total Assets for providing Depreciation	Closing WDV of the Assets as on 31.03.2022
Furniture & Fittings @ 10%						
Furniture & Fixtures	10%	983,435.00	-	-	983,435.00	885,091.00
		983,435.00	-	-	983,435.00	885,091.00
Plant & Machinery @ 15%						
AC Machine	15%	222,533.00	-	-	222,533.00	189,153.00
EPBX Machine	15%	39,120.00	-	-	39,120.00	33,252.00
		261,653.00	-	-	261,653.00	222,405.00
Plant & Machinery @ 40%						
Computer	40%	105,360.30	72,971.00	-	178,331.30	106,998.30
Computer Related Expenses	40%	106,751.00	-	-	106,751.00	64,051.00
Desktop with Accessories	40%	17,700.00	-	-	17,700.00	10,620.00
External Hard Disk	40%	11,700.00	-	-	11,700.00	7,020.00
Laptop	40%	92,541.00	-	-	92,541.00	55,525.00
Laptop 2 in 1	40%	46,500.00	-	-	46,500.00	27,900.00
Printer	40%	-	18,408.00	-	18,408.00	11,045.00
		380,552.30	91,379.00	-	471,931.30	283,159.30
		1,625,640.30	91,379.00	-	1,717,019.30	1,390,655.30





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ATTACHMENTS FORMING PARTS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SL No.	O/s Programme Expenses	Amount
1	Payable Book Fair 2020	48,376.00
2	Payable Booklets Designing & Printing (Unicef 21-22)	1,00,000.00
3	Payable CRC @ 30 Celebration Day 1 & Day 2 (19-20)	1,84,200.00
4	Payable Food On Line Safety (21-22 UNICEF)	2,000.00
5	Payable IEC/Study Material(N& S24Pgs Unicef 21-22)	800.00
6	Payable R.Persons Honorarium (PU Speaking 21-22 Unic)	3,877.00
7	Payable T-Shirt for Child Protec Day 09.06.19 (Sil)	16,110.00
8	Security Deposit (Hullor)	10,000.00
		3,65,363.00
SL No.	Duties & Taxes Payable	Amount
1	GST (CGST & SGST)	16,611.00
		16,611.00
SL No.	Bank Balance	Amount
1	Axis Bank	15,109.00
2	Govt. Of W.B -Treasury Calcutta PAO -III	5,08,383.00
3	Union Bank /Corporation Bank	6,19,044.59
		11,42,536.59


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SL No.	UNICEF (2020-21)	Amount
1	CRC Campaign 20 & Campaign Agt Cyber Bullying(20-21)	5,000.00
		5,000.00
SL No.	UNICEF (2021-22)	Amount
1	Child Protection Day Celebration 09.06.21 UNICEF Backdrop & Flex (21-22 Unicef)	22,800.00
	Backdrop & Flex Designing..(Unicef)09.06.22	20,000.00
	Food (for Children on 09.06.2021) UNICEF 21-22	375,000.00
	Gifts for Children (Hygine Kit)(21-22 Unicef)	150,000.00
	Purchasing Zoom Proplan (21-22 UNICEF)	1,300.00
2	Unicef Phase 1 Virtual Advocacy Workshop on Poster Maki (21-22)	100,000.00
	Virtual Advocacy Workshop on Public (21-22)	100,000.00
	Virtual Advocacy Workshop on Creative (21-22)	100,000.00
	Facebook Live Session (Covid Session) (21-22)	359,000.00
3	Unicef Phase 2 Child Marriage Awarness Prog Festival	330,000.00
	Int. Child Rights Day Celebration 20.11.21	635,000.00
	Inter School Essay Competition	940,000.00
	Virtual Extempore (Medinipur & J.Gram)	55,000.00
	Virtual Extempore/Mock Parliame (Mursidabad & Malda)	55,700.00
	Virtual Extempore (North & South 24pgs)	59,600.00
	Virtual Workshop on Online Safety	55,000.00
	V.W.Shop on Public Speaking .. Trafficking (Traffic)	55,000.00
		3,413,400.00
SL No.	UNICEF KOLKATA	Amount
1	Consultant Fees Maumita Chatterjee (UNICEF Kolkata)	433,350.00
		433,350.00


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List of Regrouped expenses head as per management confirmation

SL. No.	Regrouped Head Name		Regrouped Amount
	(From)	(To)	
1	Car Hiring Charges Of Office	Child Rights Week 2021-2022	164,011.00
2	Car Hiring Charges Of Office	Child Rights Week 2021-2022	203,855.00
3	Car Hiring Charges Of Office	Child Rights Week 2021-2022	222,586.00
4	Car Hiring Charges Of Office	Child Rights Week 2021-2022	203,812.00
5	Car Hiring Charges Of Office	Child Rights Week 2021-2022	175,000.00
6	Book Fair 2022	Annual Report & Magazine Printing	103,800.00
7	Rent & Service Tax	Gangasagar Expenses	484,764.00
8	IEC Printed Materials (21-22)	Sishusree & Other Awards (21-22)	137,326.00
9	Wages (14 Days)	Consultant Fees	252,601.00
10	Office Telephone Charges	Office Expenses	10,378.00
11	Payable Booklets Designing & Printing (Unicef 21-22)	Booklets (On the 10 Selected Essay) DesigUNI	100,000.00
12	Payable R. Persons Honorarium (PU Speaking 21-22 Unicef)	R. Person's Honorarium (Public Speaking Trafficking)	3,877.00
13	Payable Food On Line Safety (21-22 UNICEF)	Food (On Line Safety)	2,000.00
14	Payable IEC/Study Material (N& S 24 Pgs Unicef 21-22)	IEC/Study Matr (Unicef N& S 24 PGS)	800.00
			2,064,810.00


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Chapter 13 : Photo Gallery







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