

**Minutes of the Meeting of Juvenile Justice Committee High Court of Madhya Pradesh held on 09<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 4:40 P.M through Video Conferencing**

A meeting of Juvenile Justice Committee was held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 by Video Conferencing. The Chairperson Juvenile Justice Committee couldn't connect due to technical glitches, therefore meeting was chaired by Hon'ble Shri Justice Rohit Arya, Member, Juvenile Justice Committee, High Court of M.P in presence of Committee Members, Hon'ble Smt. Justice Anjuli Palo and Hon'ble Shri Justice G.S. Ahluwalia. The meeting was attended by various head & representatives of the Departments of M.P. Government, State Judicial Academy & UNICEF Bhopal which are following:-

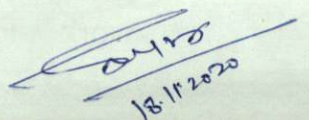
**PRESENT:-**

1. Shri Manoj Shrivastava, Addl. Chief Secretary, Panchayat and Rural Development Department, MP.
2. Shri Satyendra Kumar Singh, Principal Secretary, Department of Law and Legislative Affairs, MP.
3. Shri Ashok Kumar Shah, Principal Secretary, Department of Women & Child Development (DWCD), MP.
4. Smt. Jaishri Kiyawat, Commissioner, Department of School Education, MP
5. Smt. Dr. Pallavi Jain Govil, Principal Secretary, Tribal Welfare & Scheduled Cast Welfare Department, MP
6. Smt. Giribala Singh, Member Secretary, MP State Legal Services Authority.
7. Shri Mohd. Shahid Afsar, Secretary, Home Department, MP
8. Shri Gulshan Bamra, Secretary, Department of Finance, MP
9. Shri Ram Kumar Choubey, Director Madhya Pradesh State Judicial Academy.
10. Shri Deepak Bansal, Registrar Judicial-I, Secretary, High Court Juvenile Justice Committee, MP
11. Smt. Swati Meena Nayak, Director, Women & Child Development Department, MP
12. Shri Kailash Makwana, ADG, CID PHQ Bhopal, MP
13. Shri Mahendra Rajput, S.P Cyber Crime, Home Department (Police), MP
14. Shri Lolichen P. Joseph, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Bhopal
15. Smt. Advaita Marathe, Child Protection Officer, UNICEF Bhopal
16. Shri Rajesh Deoli, Senior Technical Consultant (Juvenile Justice), HC JJC
17. Ms Smita Shinde, UNICEF Consultant Women & Child Development Department, MP

**A. Timely appointment of Chairperson and Members of CWCs and Members of JJB in case of vacancy:**

**Principal Secretary & Director, DWCD** mentioned that total 11 districts file is sent to Hon'ble Chief Minister Govt. of M.P. Office for approval and rest of the vacancies will be filled within 2 months' time period.

**Hon'ble Shri Justice G. S. Ahluwalia** pressed upon effect of non-filling vacant positions. He concluded by saying that Department first of all needs to prioritize this activity to fill vacant positions of CWCs/JJBs in Madhya Pradesh.

  
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After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee has resolved that-

- Department of Women and Child Development to fill all vacant positions of CWCs & JJBs and directed-
  - a) 11 districts to be on board within 15 days from the date of meeting.
  - b) Committee directed Department of Women and Child Development to fill remaining vacant posts of CWCs within 1 & ½ Months and all vacant JJB Member's posts across the State within 3 weeks of time.

## **B. REVIEW:16 POINTS STATE ACTION PLAN 2018**

### **KEY ACTION: 1- PLANNED COMPOSITE INFRASTRUCTURE:**

**Director, DWCD** mentioned that land is available in all 4 places i.e. Gwalior, Indore, Bhopal and Jabalpur. The composite infrastructure proposal (including Design) is prepared for Gwalior and estimated of Rs. 36 Crores but funds are not available for the same.

**Secretary, Department of Finance** assured the **Hon'ble Committee** that there won't be any financial constraints and Dept. will ensure that budget is released to DWCD for composite infrastructure in Gwalior, Indore, Bhopal and Jabalpur.

After consideration, the **Hon'ble Juvenile Justice Committee** has resolved that-

- DWCD to coordinate with Department of Finance for ensuring that funds are available for planned composite infrastructure for Gwalior and subsequently in Jabalpur, Indore, Bhopal.
- DWCD to send financial proposals of land, blueprints of maps of all 4 places (Gwalior, Indore, Bhopal and Jabalpur) to JJC Secretariat, High Court of Madhya Pradesh within 15 days from the date of meeting.
- Submit the documents relating to land allocation for all 4 places (Gwalior, Indore, Bhopal and Jabalpur) within 15 days from the date of meeting.
- Department to regularly update Secretariat, JJC HC of MP about progress made in key action point 1.

### **KEY ACTION: 2- CHILD FRIENDLY POLICE STATIONS WITH RESOURCES:**

**Director, DWCD** shared that SJPU's are setup in all the Districts i.e. 51. Total 1101 Child friendly corners are established.

**Secretary, Department of Home (Police)** informed that Department has appointed DSP rank officer as a nodal officer for each district to implement JJ Act. Total 1075 Assistant Sub Inspectors (ASI) are appointed and trained on POCSO Act and 5219 officers are sensitized. He specified that the Police Officers are given dedicated JJ work in addition to other work. Although, Juvenile Justice (JJ) is the first priority but in absence of JJ related cases Police Officers are doing regular work. For all cadres of these officers i.e. from constable to S.P. are sensitized

  
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through basic training programme by including Juvenile Justice in the basic training curriculum. There are total 1051 Police Stations in the State. Every Police Station is allotted with one police officer for implementation of Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection) Act, 2015. Department of Home (Police) has shared proposal for allocations of Rs 105.24 Cr. to Government of India for support to make child friendly police corners across all the police stations in the State.

**After consideration, the Hon'ble Juvenile Justice Committee has resolved that-**

- **Department of Home (Police) to make Child Friendly Police Stations with resources in all across districts of Madhya Pradesh and submit information, progress and action plan in this regard with deadline within 15 days from the date of meeting.**

**KEY ACTION-3: DEVELOPMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION WORKFORCE:**

**Director, DWCD** stated that under ICPS Scheme it has certain posts sanctioned including Child Protection Committees. Job Descriptions are prepared for all the positions. She shared about the capacity building webinars organized on themes like POCSO Act, Child Marriage etc.

**Secretary, JJC HC of MP** highlighted issues related to additional charge given to DCPO, lack of awareness amongst them about their duties.

**Member Secretary, MP SLSA** intervened and suggested that SLSA has around 400 Panel Lawyers & Para Legal Volunteers who are dedicatedly working on Juvenile Justice, if it is possible the workforce may be provided benefit of the webinars, workshops organized by DWCD on Juvenile Justice so that resources are utilized commonly.

**After consideration, the Hon'ble Juvenile Justice Committee has resolved that-**

- **DWCD and MP SLSA will coordinate with each other to ensure that workforce from MP SLSA working on JJ Act are provided for capacity building workshops.**
- **DWCD will provide detailed write up on work done during last 2-3 months, future work and impact assessment on work done to achieve objectives of key action of this point within 15 days from the date of meeting.**

**KEY ACTION: 4- ADOLESCENT EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME AND PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

**Director, DWCD** shared the progress on adolescent empowerment initiatives taken by DWCD in collaboration with other Departments.

**Department of Education** also shared a PPT on initiatives taken by them in collaboration with UNICEF Bhopal on child sexual abuse, IEC (Information

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Education in Communication) material developed under the project and online teaching through development of modules on social problems and child protection issues.

**Member Secretary, MP SLA** intervened in the matter and shared her observations on Right to Education during pandemic in Child Care Institutions. She mentioned about the problems faced by Children living in Child Care Institutions while taking online classes. She told that children are studying in one small mobile device.

**Mr. Lolichen from UNICEF Bhopal** intervened and shared that Adolescent empowerment program is rolled out in the state in collaboration between UNICEF and the State. A Strategic Action Plan (SAP) for adolescent empowerment has been developed and endorsed. SAP lays out the role of various departments. It is rolled out across all the districts, particularly 16 districts with UNICEF support, and additionally 42 districts where BBBP (*Beti Bachao Beti Padao*) is implemented. It focuses particularly on ending child marriages and violence against children. Across the districts District Resource Groups from multiple departments are formed and they are implementing actions at the ground level.

**After consideration, the Hon'ble Juvenile Justice Committee has resolved that-**

- **DWCD to share a detailed write up on initiatives taken by them and Department of Education, MP in securing Key Action 4 within 15 days from date of meeting.**
- **DWCD to share how 'DWCD and Department of Education' is working on Right to Education, health and vocational training of children living in Child Care Institutions.**
- **Department of Education should ensure that Children living in Child Care Institutions have adequate devices to attend their online classes.**
- **Department of Women & Child Development will share detailed information on present status of education, health and vocational training of children living in Child Care Institutions.**

**KEY ACTION: 5- COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE:**

**Director, DWCD** shared various campaign initiatives introduced by Department in collaboration with Department of Education and UNICEF Bhopal.

**Mr. Lolichen from UNICEF Bhopal** mentioned that under package of different campaign materials is developed under the brand of 'Tarunya Package'. This is rolled out across all the districts. There are more other video-audio IEC (Information Education in Communication) materials, which departments like WCD, Tribal Affairs and Education must plan and roll out. Further Life Skills Programme is rolled out in class 6, 7 and 8 in joint collaboration between UNICEF and RSK (Rajya Shiksha Kendra) (education dept).

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- DWCD, Department of Education and Department of Tribal Affairs to develop videos and innovative ideas for the children who are in public school, private school and in CCIs, make all the programmes through your local machinery.
- Share the programmes with Secretariat, JJC HC of MP so that Committee Members can go through it.

**KEY ACTION: 7- SETTING UP AND STRENGTHENING DISTRICT, BLOCK AND WARD CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEES:**

Director DWCD updated that Committees are created on paper and some places they are functioning. Department also issued letters to DCPUs for regularly organizing coordination meetings at Block and District level.

After consideration, the Hon'ble Juvenile Justice Committee has directed-


- DWCD to issue strict letter to Collectors to ensure proper functioning and monitoring of District, Block and Village level Child Protection Committees in their respective districts. District Collectors needs to ensure that programmes relating to children protection are implemented effectively and prioritized.
- Share the progress made in establishment of Committees under this key action point with Secretariat, JJC HC of MP, so that Hon'ble Committee Members can go through it and see if there are any issues at district level or block level.
- DWCD to go for the visual format while developing IEC material. Visual formats are more effective in comparison to written formats. It may be process to animation to show good touch or bad touch.
- Department of Education & DWCD to ensure that the visual format in IEC should be applicable in all the schools as age-wise, not only good touch or bad touch, career-oriented material also needs to be included. The classes should be compulsory for every school and Director of DWCD to implement it in CCIs also.
- UNICEF to make IEC very simple, as children's perspective needs to be captured to make it more effective for children.

Principal Secretary, Department of Tribal Affairs and Scheduled Caste Empowerment informed that they are also using UMANG app for their hostels and schools for tribal children. The Superintendent of Hostels are sensitizing children on POCSO Act. She requested UNICEF Bhopal to extend abovementioned programmes developed by them in Tribal Hostels.

Hon'ble Smt. Justice Anjali Palo raised issue relating to information not shared with Secretariat of JJC-HC of MP.

Secretary, JJC HC of MP reiterated the non-compliance and non-sharing of information to Secretariat by various Departments.

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- All departments to share information on progress of State Action Plan 2018 and initiatives taken by each department within 15 days of meeting with Secretariat of JJC HC of MP.
- Department of Law to issue a letter to all Departments -stakeholders of State Action Plan 2018 regarding regular sharing of information to Secretariat, JJC HC of MP on progress made and initiatives taken by each department on Juvenile Justice.

For Key Action Point number 6, 8 to 16:

- Hon'ble Committee had asked to take up these points in next Committee Meeting to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021.
- Departments will give a write up on each point mentioned from Key Action Point 6, 8 to 16 to Secretariat, JJC HC of MP concerned with them.
- Hon'ble Committee has finalized in consensus with stakeholders, the next date of Committee Meeting will be 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

H. Financial support to continue services of 3 staff members of Secretariat HC JJC: Hon'ble Shri Justice Rohit Arya brought up the matter of continued financial support to HCJJC secretariat. As UNICEF financial support to Secretariat will end in the month of March 2021. His Lordship asked P.S. DWCD to support the salaries of 3 staff of Secretariat from April 2021.

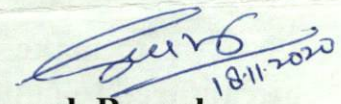
Principal Secretary, DWCD assured that DWCD will take care of the Secretariat Staff and will provide financial support to Secretariat after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

**Therefore:**

1. May approve the above minutes of the meeting and also permit to share the minutes with the concerned departments for compliance of the directions by Juvenile Justice Committee in the said meeting.

Or

2. May pass any other order.

  
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Deepak Bansal

Registrar J-I & Secretary JJC  
High Court of M.P.

Hon'ble Shri Justice G.S. Ahluwalia  
Member, JJC

s/d

Hon'ble Smt. Justice Anjuli Palo  
Member, JJC

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Hon'ble Shri Justice Rohit Arya  
Member, JJC

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Hon'ble Shri Justice S.C. Sharma  
Chairperson, JJC

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