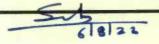
The Quarterly Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting was held on 23.07.2022 in two sessions i.e. Session-1 (10:00 am to 2:00 pm) and Session-2 (3:00 pm to 5:30 pm). The meeting was held in the presence of Committee Chairperson Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul & Members Hon'ble Shri Justice Anand Pathak & Hon'ble Smt Justice Anjuli Palo. The participants included:-

#### PRESENT:-

- Dr Rajesh Rajora, Addl. Chief Secretary, Home Department, Govt. of M.P., Bhopal
- Mr Ashok Shah, Addl. Chief Secretary, Department of Women & Child Development, Bhopal.
- 3. Shri Manoj Govil, Addl. Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of M.P., Bhopal.
- 4. Dr Pallavi Jain Govil, Principal Secretary, Scheduled Caste Welfare & Tribal Affairs Department, Govt. M.P., Bhopal
- 5. Smt Rashmi Arun Shami, Principal Secretary, Department of School Education, Govt. of M.P., Bhopal
- Shri Sachin Sinha, Principal Secretary, Labour Department, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal.
- 7. Shri Prateek Hajela, Principal Secretary, Social Justice and Disabled Welfare Department, Govt. of M.P., Bhopal.
- 8. Shri Umakant Umrao, Principal Secretary, Department of Panchayat and Rural Development, Govt. of M.P., Bhopal
- 9. Shri Akash Tripathi, Principal Secretary, Department of Technical Education, Skill Development & Employment, Bhopal



- 10. Shri Binod Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, Law and Legislative Affairs Department, Govt of M.P., Bhopal.
- 11. Shri Anvesh Manglam, Director General, MP Public Prosecution, Home Department, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal.
- 12. Ms Pragya Richa Shrivastava, ADG (CAW), Police Headquarter, Home Department, Bhopal.
- 13. Shri G.P. Singh, ADGP, CID-PHQ, Home Department, Bhopal.
- 14. Shri D.P. Gupta, ADG Home Guards, Madhya Pradesh Police.
- 15. Dr E. Ramesh Kumar, Commissioner, Social Justice & Disabled Welfare Department, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal.
- 16. Dr Sudam Pandharinath Khade, Secretary, Public Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of M.P., Bhopal.
- 17. Shri Sanjeev Singh, Commissioner, SC/ST Development, Bhopal
- 18. Shri Virendra Singh Rawat, Labour Commissioner, Labour Department, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal.
- 19. Shri Umesh Pandav, Secretary, Law & Legislative Affairs Department, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal.
- 20. Dr Ram Rao Bhonsle, Director, Department of Women & Child Development, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal.
- Shri Padmesh Shah, Addl. Director, Madhya Pradesh State Judicial Academy, Jabalpur.
- 22. Shri Manoj Kumar Singh, Addl. Secretary, Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority, Jabalpur.
- 23. Shri Samresh Singh, Registrar (J-1) & Secretary, Juvenile Justice Committee, High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur.

- 24. Ms Suchismita Saxena, Deputy Secretary, Revenue Department, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal.
- 25. Shri Shiv Lakhan Ram Dubey, Deputy Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of M.P., Bhopal.
- 26. Shri Maloy Jain, AIG (TRG) PHQ, Madhya Pradesh Police, Bhopal.
- 27. Shri Dinesh Kaushal, AIG (CID) J, Madhya Pradesh Police, Bhopal.
- 28. Dr Santosh Kumar Jain, Additional Director, Health Department, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal.
- 29. Shri Dhirendra Chaturvedi, Addl. Director, Department of School Education, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal.
- 30. Smt Shivani Verma, Joint Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal.
- 31. Shri R.P. Ramanwal, Addl. Director, Department of Women & Child Development, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal
- 32. Shri Mahaveer Singh Mujalde, Addl. DCP (Security), Home (Police) Department, Bhopal.
- 33. Shri G.N. Agrawal, Addl. Director, Directorate of Skill Development, Bhopal.
- 34. Shri C.J. Dhabu, Addl. Director, Department of Technical Education, Skill Development & Employment, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal.
- 35. Shri Manoj Tiwari, Joint Director, Social Justice & Disabled Welfare Department, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal.
- 36. Dr Vishal Nadkarni, Joint Director, Department of Women & Child Development, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal.

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- 37. Dr Ashwani Kumar Ambar, Deputy Director, State Institute of Rural Development, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal.
- 38. Shri Balwan Shah Uikey, Anti-Drug Campaigner, Social Justice & Disabled Welfare Department, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal.
- 39. Shri S.S. Dixit, Deputy Labour Commissioner, Labour Department, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal.
- 40. Smt Anita Vatsalya, Deputy Commissioner/SPM/ SISD. State Rural Livelihood Mission, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal.
- 41. Shri Ashish Singh, Assistant Director, Department of Women & Child Development, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal.
- 42. Smt Sunita Lal, Assistant Director, Revenue Department, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal.
- 43. Smt Yagya Medha, Assistant Director, Department of Women & Child Development, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal.
- 44. Shri Vishal Anand Shrivastava, Project Officer, Department of Women & Child Development, Govt. of M.P. Bhopal.
- 45. Ms Margaret Gwada, Chief of Field Office, UNICEF, Bhopal.
- 46. Mr Lolichen P. Joseph, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF, Bhopal.
- 47. Ms Advaita Marathe, Child Protection Officer, UNICEF Bhopal.
- 48. Smt Smita Shendye, Consultant, UNICEF, Bhopal.
- 49. Shri Gurmukh Singh Lamba, Senior Technical Consultant, Juvenile Justice Committee, High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Jabalpur.

## Session-1 (10:00 AM to 2:00 PM) REVIEW OF STATE ACTION PLAN- 2018

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul, Chairperson of the HC-JJC welcome all the participants and appreciated the government for high level representation to the meeting from across key departments and agencies.

## A. Key Action 1: Planned Composite Infrastructure

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul shared that HC-JJC constituted a District Composite Infrastructure Committee (DCIC) headed by Principal District & Sessions Judge and Addl. District Judge (Nominated as a Visitor Judge) and Principal Magistrate, JJB as members in Jabalpur, Bhopal, Indore and Gwalior. Responses were received from the District Composite Infrastructure Committees of Gwalior, Indore and Bhopal where the committees highlighted that the land is suitable for the development of CI. It has no issue of water logging or security threats and the land is well connected with the district headquarters through roads. Whereas response received from DCIC Jabalpur, shows that the land has around 100 hutments with public toilets and the land does not have a proper road for connectivity.

Revenue Department shared that the encroachment on the identified land in Jabalpur and Indore is of temporary nature and would be removed with the support of the District Administration. The department also shared that the land usage change for the identified land in Bhopal would be completed within 15 days. The Department also requested DWCD to coordinate with Town and Country Planning for completing the process expeditiously.

Secretary, HC-JJC shared that Hon'ble Shri Justice G.S. Ahluwalia, Member JJC conducted a meeting with District Collector & DPO Gwalior and resolved the issue of change of land for Part-B of CI and redeveloping the layout of Composite Infrastructure.

**Finance Department** needs to ensure the availability of adequate funds for the development of CI as per the amended layout for Gwalior.

After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

- 1. Revenue Department & Department of Women & Child Development (DWCD) to coordinate with the district administration of Jabalpur and Indore for removing the encroachments from the identified lands within 15 days.
- 2. Revenue Department & Department of Women & Child Development (DWCD) to coordinate with TNCP for land usage change in Bhopal and completion of allotment process within 15 days.
- 3. Revenue Department to ensure the allotment of identified land for Indore within 15 days.
- 4. Finance Department needs to ensure adequate funds for the development of CI as per the amended layout for identified land in Gwalior.

## B. Key Action 2: Child-Friendly Police Stations, with Resources

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul highlighted the concern that CWPOs/SJPUs are producing children before JJBs in police uniform. Also, shared that SJPUs/CWPOs lack sensitivity while working with children and this could be resolved by a continuous sensitization training programme.

Home Department shared that the department is continuously running the sensitization programmes for SJPUs/CWPOs and would continue the same in future. Also, shared that the department would take this agenda before the high-level committee chaired by the Hon'ble CM of M.P. On the issue of Child-Friendly Spaces, Home Department shared that the existing police stations with adequate space will designate Child-Friendly Spaces and those police stations with no spaces would construct the specific area for Child-Friendly Spaces

#### After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee has resolved that: -

- 5. Home Department must ensure that SJPUs/CWPOs shall present children before JJ Board in civil dress and not in regular police uniform as per Rule 8 (4) & Rule 86 (5) of JJ Model Rules, 2016.
- 6. Home Department & UNICEF must conduct regular training sessions and sensitization programmes for CWPOs for ensuring child friendly Policing.
- 7. Home Department must provide refresher intensive training to CWPOs and SJPUs who worked contrary to the spirit of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015.
- 8. Home Department must ensure that police stations with Women Help Desk (WHD) would develop WHD as Child-Friendly Spaces in existing police stations within 03 months and those police stations with no spaces would construct the specific area for Child-Friendly Spaces.
- 9. Home Department would ensure that all new police stations must have dedicated child-friendly spaces as per circular No.122/928/2022/B-1/Two dated 22.07.2022 issued by Department of Home.

## C. New Agenda Points for Home Department

## (1) Police Atrocities on CICL & Child-Friendly Policing

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul shared that HC-JJC is continuously receiving complaints of police atrocities on children across the State. The HC-JJC has been forwarding these complaints to Home Department for taking appropriate action to prevent atrocities against children but till date there has been no significant action has been taken by the Home Department post 'Datia Incident' to sensitize police personnel. Also, continuously atrocity cases are coming to light as reported in Gwalior, Jabalpur and Bhind. The Home Department must take strict actions

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against the police personnel involved in cases of atrocities against children which has an effect of deterrence among the police personnel.

Home Department shared that the department has also received cases of police atrocities against CICL from Katni, Indore and Rajgarh. Home Department ensured that strict action would be taken against the police personnel who were involved in cases of atrocity against children. Also, shared that if the department receives information from HC-JJC or any other sources, the Home Department would inquire into the matter and take strict action against erring personnels. Further, Home Department shared that issues related to gender and juvenile would be included in the training module for sensitisation of police personnel.

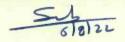
Mr Lolichen, UNICEF shared that with the collaboration of Home Department, a regular and frequent training programmes have been conducted for the police department. Also, UNICEF has developed an online self-learning course for all stakeholders to build the foundation on Child protection. Further, that UNICEF jointly with MP Police is revising the syllabus on child protection and gender for all the police academies and training schools in the State.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Anand Pathak suggested Home Department to include graphics in the module so that it is easily understood by the trainees.

Further, the **Hon'ble Chairperson** directed Home Department to develop a mechanism to assess the impact of training provided to SJPUs/CWPOs and AHTU.

After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

10. The Home Department must share instructions for conducting regular reviews of SJPUs/CWPOs at the district level in District Child Protection Committees meetings and in monthly SJPUs convergence meetings.



- 11. Home Department must conduct a meticulous inquiry in cases of police atrocities against children and take appropriate actions to deter police personnel from committing such atrocities.
- 12. Home Department & UNICEF must develop a self-learning foundation course on Child Rights and protection. This should be undertaken by all Child Welfare Police Officers (CWPOs).
- 13. Home Department must develop a mechanism to assess the impact of training being provided to SJPUs/CWPOs and AHTU.
- 14. Home Department must submit the final inquiry report of the Gwalior police atrocity case of 'Gole ka Mandir thana' within 07 days.
- 15. The Home department must conduct refresher training for all CWPOs and provide them certificates to certify that they have completed the training on Child Rights and Child Protection.

## (2) CCTV Cameras in Police Stations of MP

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul continued the discussion on police atrocity where it was observed in the case of 'Gole ka Mandir Thana Gwalior' that the child was unauthorisedly kept in the police station for 12 days and for committing the atrocities, the child was shifted to places, which were not covered under CCTV Cameras. Even the footage of CCTV was not provided to Principal Magistrate, JJB-Gwalior to conduct the inquiry in the abovementioned case by the police personnels.

Secretary, HC-JJC has shared that the Home Department must comply with the orders shared in the judgement passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's order in Paramvir Singh Saini versus Baljit Singh ((2021) 1 SCC 184) and Hon'ble High Court of Madhya Pradesh (Gwalior Bench) in Prosecutrix versus State of M.P. (WP No. 5321 of 2021) order dated 23.06.2021 to ensure CCTV Cameras in all police stations of M.P with 18 months backup with audio recording.



Home Department shared that the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on the installation of CCTV cameras in the police station are being complied with. A total of 238 police stations have been covered by 4163 CCTV cameras out of 14570 total CCTV Cameras which were to be installed under the new guidelines of the Hon'ble Supreme Court with 18 months of backup and audio recording facilities. The remaining CCTV cameras would be installed within 04 to 05 months. Further, Home Department shared that the 18 months backup of CCTV Cameras would be kept in the custody of the Superintendent of Police and Police Headquarters, Bhopal.

## After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

16. Home Department must ensure that the CCTV Cameras with 18 months backup is installed in all police stations of M.P. within 05 months.

## (3) Frequent Transfers of CWPOs

Secretary, HC-JJC shared that in the district level functionaries meeting, it was observed that Child Welfare Police Officers (CWPO) and Member of Special Juvenile Police Units (SJPUs) are not aware of their duties and responsibilities.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul shared the observation that the reason for lack of awareness is frequent transfers of CWPOs and they have an additional charge, due to which there are over-occupied and cannot work efficiently. Further, expected that Home Department will ensure that CWPOs should not be transferred frequently and must be posted for a fixed period and if they need to be transferred then they must be transferred as CWPOs to the other police station as per Rule 86 (4) of JJ Model Rules, 2016. Also, directed Home Department to share instructions with the district regarding the review of CWPOs transfers in monthly SJPUs convergence meetings.



Home Department mentioned a circular of DGP dated 16.06.2021 regarding transfers of CWPOs fixed for 03 years to all the police stations. Home Department also shared that if any situation of transfer of CWPOs arises then they would be transferred as CWPOs to other police stations as per the mandate of the JJ Act.

#### After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that:-

- 17. Home Department must ensure that CWPOs are not transferred and if any situation of transfer of CWPOs arises, they would be transferred as CWPOs to other police stations as per Rule 86 (4) of JJ Act.
- 18. The Home Department must ensure that transfers of CWPOs are reviewed locally in District Child Protection Committees meetings and in SJPUs convergence meetings

## (4) Direct public prosecutors to appear before Juvenile Justice Boards

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul shared that the public prosecutors are not appearing before the JJBs as the boards do not conduct trials but "inquiries" into the cases of children in conflict with the law. But Rule 54 (19) of JJ Act, 2015 mentions that public prosecutors can appear in JJBs. Also, in other States like Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, New Delhi, Tamil Naidu and Karnataka public prosecutors are being trained specifically under JJ Act and appear before the JJBs.

Home Department shared that the department has submitted a proposal to the Government of M.P. for issuing notification under Section 110 of JJ Act, 2015 for the appearance of public prosecutors in JJBs. Once the notification is issued, public prosecutors would start appearing before JJBs. The department has already developed 150 officers of ADPO rank in the whole State for the said purpose.

After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

- 19. Home Department must ensure the appearance of public prosecutors in all JJBs of M.P. within 01 month and share the progress with HC-JJC.
- 20. Home Department must conduct specialized training sessions for public prosecutors on their role in JJBs.

## D. Key Action-3: Development of Child Protection Workforce

Secretary, HC-JJC shared that 311 posts are vacant in DCPUs across 51 districts. The majority of these vacancies are pending for more than 02 years. Also, many posts are lying vacant in the State Child Protection Society (SCPS) and State Adoption Resources Agency (SARA).

Add. Chief Secretary, DWCD shared that the recruitment process for DCPU, SCPS and SARA would be completed within 06 months through MPPEB.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul shared that in the last meeting, it was resolved that decentralised trainings would be conducted at the district level with all Juvenile Justice Stakeholders. But, it can be observed that such activities have not been conducted yet.

On the issue of ToR and job descriptions (JD), Secretary, HC-JJC shared that we have received JD for DCPUs, and counsellors and we are yet to receive ToRs for CWCs and JJB. Also, ToR for CWPOs and SJPUs are awaited from Home Department.

Home Department ensured that terms of reference for CWPOs and SJPUs would be completed within 01 month and share with HC-JJC. Also, ensured that the department would develop a pool of resource persons on cyber security related to juvenile justice issues within 03 months.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul expected that the Department of Health, Department of School Education, Department of Labour and Department of Social Justice will coordinate with DWCD for developing ToRs for their officials nominated in the district, block, panchayat and ward level Child



Protection Committees and for functionaries of other departments that have a child protection role.

#### After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

- 21. DWCD must ensure the completion of the recruitment process for vacant posts of DCPUs, SCPS, CCIs and SARA within 06 months.
- 22. DWCD must take lead and organize decentralised district-level convergence trainings with all stakeholders including departments i.e. Police, Labour, Education, Health, Social Justice, RDPR, Childline, CCIs Superintendents etc.
- **23.** Home Department to develop ToR for CWPOs and SJPUs within 01 month and share it with HC-JJC.
- 24. Department of Health, Department of School Education, Department of Social Justice and Department of Labour to coordinate with DWCD for developing ToRs for their officials who have specific child protection roles (for eg: Department of Labour with child labour related role, or medical doctors visiting CCIs) as well as those nominated in the district, block, panchayat and ward level Child Protection Committees within 01 month and share with HC-JJC.
- **25.** Home Department to develop a pool of resource persons on cyber security related to child rights issues within 03 months and share it with HC-JJC.

## E. Key Action-6: Development of SOPs

Secretary, HC-JJC shared that HC-JJC reviewed the SOP on missing persons shared by the Home Department. It was observed that the SOP must be developed as per the procedure prescribed for "inquiry in case of missing child" provided under Rule 92 of JJ Model Rules, 2016.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul expected that Home Department will review the SOP in light of Rule 92, of JJ Model Rules, 2016

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## After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

26. Home Department must develop an SOP for missing children as per Rule 92, of JJ Model Rules, 2016 within 01 month.

## F. Key Action-8: Standards of care and linkages to services in CCIs

Hon'ble Smt Justice Anjuli Palo shared that doctors have been nominated for CCIs but as per the reports received from the districts, doctors are not visiting CCIs on regular basis. The Doctors must thoroughly inspect the health conditions of children, must develop and update medical records for each child and refer children with serious health issues to hospitals and other field experts. Also, directed DWCD to share reports on whether officials from the Department of Health regularly visit in CCIs fortnightly.

Secretary, HC-JJC shared that other departments like education, technical education, sports and youth welfare must extend their services to children residing in CCIs. DWCD must collaborate with these departments for uninterrupted services to the children.

ACS, DWCD suggested that the department would develop a separate section in CP-MIS to maintain records of visits of doctors and upload medical records of children on CPMIS on monthly basis.

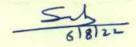
**Department of School Education** shared that presently the department is providing teachers in 10 observation homes and soon it would provide teachers in the remaining 08 observation homes. It was also shared that as CCIs are not considered as schools hence children residing in CCIs do not get appropriate benefits. The department of school education is writing to **Samagra Shiksha** to consider CCIs as schools and requested the HC-JJC to give direction to the government for the same.

**Department of Technical Education** shared that the department is providing 114 short-term courses. Also, the trainers have visited 35 CCIs to create awareness about the courses. If DWCD identifies the children and

share the list of courses as per the interest of the children, the department of technical education would provide technical training to the children.

#### After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

- 27. Department of Health is directed plan the visit of doctors to CCIs on a weekly basis for regular check up of children, and in addition as per need and to submit a detailed report on the status of health of children in CCIs on monthly basis. Department of Health to coordinate with DWCD to maintain records of visits of doctors and upload medical records of children on CPMIS on monthly basis
- 28. DWCD must collaborate with the Department of Health, Department of School Education, Department of Technical Education, Department of Social Justice and Welfare and Department of Sports and Youth Welfare to streamline their services in CCIs.
- 29. In coordination with DWCD, Department of Technical Education should organize awareness programmes about various short term and ITI courses for Superintendents and children in CCIs. Further the department must link after care children with vocational courses on priority.
- 30. In Coordination with DWCD, Department of Sports and Youth Welfare should link up with CCIs and organise sports activities and coaching for children in CCIs, including specialised training for children who have the aptitude to excel in certain sports.
- 31. DWCD must develop CP-MIS to receive progress reports of each child on the issues related to their health, education, skill development, special needs and sports and physical activities.
- **32.** Department of School Education would ensure the availability of 02 teachers at every observation home.



- 33. Department of School Education to ensure admission of all children residing in Children's Homes, Open Shelter and Specialized Adoption Agencies under the Right to Education Act.
- **34.** Department of School Education to ensure enrolment of children residing in Observation Home, Special Home in open schools.
- **35.** Department of Technical Education to share the list of courses along with the minimum eligibility criteria with HC-JJC.
- **36.** Department of Technical Education and DWCD to coordinate and identified children to be enrolled in technical courses of their choice.

# G. Key Action-10: De-Addiction Centres for Children and Homes for Specially abled Children

**Department of Social Justice & Disable Welfare** shared that the department is currently running 08 centres in M.P. and have till now provided care and support to 212 children. The department has also requested the Central Government for providing funds to strengthen the Deaddiction centre to accommodate 50 children.

Secretary, HC-JJC shared that the department needs to create awareness regarding availability of such services as district-level functionaries are not aware of any such services. Also, the Child Welfare Committee must be informed about the details of children residing in such centres.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul directed the department of Social Justice to conduct preventive activities along with their responsive services. The department must identify hotspots of addiction and create awareness among children and youth about the harms of addiction.

## After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

37. Department of Social Justice to share the information of children residing in De-addiction centres with child welfare committees.



**38.** Department of Social Justice needs to strengthen preventive services, identify hotspots for addiction, and create awareness among youth and children about the harms of addiction.

# H. Key Action-4: Adolescent Empowerment Programme and Preventing Child Sexual Abuse

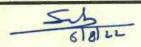
Mr Lolichen, UNICEF shared that for the past 04 years, DWCD and UNICEF are running an Adolescent empowerment programme with focus on preventing child marriage and ending violence against children in 16 districts of M.P. The programme has seen tremendous progress in terms of inter-departmental coordination, and implementation of the District Action Plan on the ground. The Department has scaled the same model for implementation in 45 districts under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao. The only gap concerning the implementation of the programme is the involvement of District Collectors and the lack of regular review of the programme at their end.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Anand Pathak suggested that awareness and adolescent empowerment are not only the responsibility of the State but some programmes must be organized in which the society is also asked to participate.

Principal Secretary, Department of Panchayat Raj shared that the Govt of M.P. has announced an award Bal Hiteshi Gram Panchayat in which 03 Gram Panchayat would be awarded for their good work on child rights.

**DWCD** shared a concern that victims of survivors of child sexual abuse belonging to tribal communities are harassed and threatened within their own village due to which the children are leaving education. If they get any alternate place to set outside the village, which is not a CCI, then the children would be free to continue their education without any fear.

Department of Tribal & Welfare suggested the alternative that survivors of sexual abuse from the tribal department can be placed at the hostels operated by the Department of tribal welfare. Also, shared that the



Department runs skill development courses and livelihood programmes which could be extended to eligible children identified by DWCD. Further, the Department can also provide support to such children in a self-financing scheme, which would help these children to earn their livelihood.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul expected that DWCD will provide the data of survivors of child sexual abuse to Department of tribal welfare for placing these children in the hostels for care and protection. Further, if a survivor of child sexual abuse requires admission in tribal hostels then it must be granted at priority to ensure their safety.

**Department of Health** shared that the Department is running the Rashtriya Kishori Swastha Karyakram scheme for the age group of 10-18 years of children. Under this, the Department conducts activities i.e. Kishore Mitra Swastha Clinic in 13 districts, Saathiya Scheme for peer education.

#### After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

- **39.** Department of Panchayat Raj needs to share the notification of Bal Hiteshi Gram Panchayat with HC-JJC within 15 days.
- **40.** Home Department needs to share elaborated strategy on how the Department is dealing with the cases of child marriage and initiatives taken to prevent child marriage.
- 41. Department of Tribal Welfare & Department of Health to share the details of interventions and initiatives conducted by the department under the adolescent empowerment programme, awareness campaign on child marriage and child sexual abuse and other forms of violence against children.
- **42.** Department of Tribal Welfare must conduct awareness programmes on sexual abuse and other forms of violence against children, for children residing in their hostels.



- **43.** Department of Tribal Welfare and DWCD to coordinate on providing livelihood skill training and benefits of self-financing schemes to eligible children residing in CCIs.
- 44. Department of Tribal Welfare & DWCD must coordinate to declare hostels fit facility through CWCs at the district level.
- 45. Department of Tribal Welfare & DWCD must ensure that the tribal hostels have adequate infrastructure and resources to meet the minimum standards of care for survivors of child sexual abuse.

# I. Key Action-5: Communication Campaign to prevent Child Sexual Abuse

**DWCD** shared that an online training programme was conducted on the POCSO Act, 2012 for JJBs and CWCs members in the collaboration of the Kailash Satyarthi Foundation. Also, a training was organized on Cyber Security with Space to Grow, Delhi for JJB-Members, CCIs and DCPU staff.

Mr Lolichen, UNICEF shared that in compliance with the earlier meeting, a package of IEC material, including Tarunya Package is shared with the Department of School Education &Department of Tribal Welfare. Further, now we can develop and train school teachers and personnel of department of tribal as master trainers on cyber security and child sexual abuse to run these programmes at schools, hotels and other institutions. Also, UNICEF along with Home Department, Department of Health and ChildLine have run an extensive awareness campaign on cyber security and child sexual abuse for the frontline workers to strengthen the preventive approach.

**Department of School Education** shared that the Department has trained their teachers and hostel wardens on the content shared by UNICEF. Also, the Department is conducting awareness programmes in collaboration with the Home Department through webinars.

Hon'ble Smt Justice Anjuli Palo directed MPSLSA to participate in awareness drives and campaigns on child sexual abuse through their Para Legal Volunteers and Panel Lawyers.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Anand Pathak suggested DWCD to engage with society by strengthening Shourya Dal programme, particularly by strengthening the adolescent leaders. Home Department should direct the police stations to connect with adolescent girls through female Sub-Inspector or Constable by making small WhatsApp groups. These groups could be used to share awareness material and would make those adolescent girls empowered as they could easily approach the police in case of any difficult situation.

Mr Lolichen, UNICEF shared that UNICEF & DWCD have identified 04 girls for each district and they are working on developing the leadership skills in the adolescent girl child. Every fortnight, a session is organized with these girls on their leadership and issues like sexual abuse and the intention is that these girls would engage with their peers and share their learnings.

## After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

- **46.** Department of School Education needs to share the details of interventions and initiatives taken by the department under the Communication Campaign to prevent Child Sexual Abuse.
- 47. Department of School Education, Department of Tribal & Welfare and UNICEF to collaborate on developing and training schoolteachers as master trainers on cyber security and child sexual abuse and forms of violence against children to run awareness programmes at the school level.
- **48.** MPSLSA would conduct and participate in awareness drives and campaigns on child sexual abuse through their Para Legal Volunteers and Panel Lawyers.



- 49. Home Department to develop female Sub-Inspectors and Constables as 'Shourya Didi' to engage with adolescent girls of their police station area through WhatsApp groups.
- 50. Home Department & DWCD to coordinate for developing WhatsApp groups of adolescent girls under 'Shourya Didi'.
- J. Key Action-7: Setting up and strengthening District, Block and Ward Child Protection Committees

Hon'ble Shri Justice Anand Pathak observed that the district, block, panchayat and ward child protection committees have been constituted but the meetings are not organized quarterly. Also, expected that DWCD will coordinate with RDPR to organize a sensitization programme for newly elected Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat (Chairperson of Panchayat Child Protection Committee) on the key child rights and child protection issues.

ACS, DWCD shared that the committees have been constituted and are trained about their roles in child protection system but new Panchayat and Ward Level Committees would be constituted as old members would be replaced due to the election. The department has conducted training for the district, and block level committees on the module developed by the organization 'Save the children'. For the training of village and ward level committees, it would be done post-re-constitution of the committees.

Further, DWCD shared that the department is working on the concept of 100 child-friendly villages in M.P. in collaboration with the Kailash Satyarthi Foundation. The village would include issues of child protection in their gram baithak. These villages would also have Bal Sabha where children would participate to resolve their issues through discussion and dialogue.

After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -



- 51. DWCD must issue letters to District Collectors (Chairperson, DCPU) to monitor strictly the status of meetings of child protection committees at the District level, Block level and Panchayat level.
- **52.** DWCD must notify ToR and carry out the training of all districts and block level child protection committees within 03 months.
- 53. DWCD must conduct a sensitization programme for newly elected Gram Panchayat Sarpanch (Chairperson of Panchayat Child Protection Committee).

## K. Key Action-9: Resource pool of counsellors and psychosocial experts

Hon'ble Shri Justice Anand Pathak shared that is very important to develop a pool of counsellors and psychosocial experts, which cover all the districts, and we need to make sure that the counsellors are well trained and are not just mere social workers.

Secretary, HC-JJC shared that the mapping exercise would be done in a way that if one district does not have sufficient psychosocial experts then support from psychosocial experts of the adjacent district could be taken. Also, shared that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has mandated the psychosocial experts in preliminary assessments under Section 15 of JJ Act, 2015 in the judgment of Barun Chandra Thakur v/s Master Bholu & Anr.

**DWCD** shared that the department allotted the counsellors to each CCIs and they are trained by UNICEF & NIMHANS. The counsellors are conducting individual and group sessions and also refer cases of depression, and children in distress to NIMHANS. Special counselling sessions are conducted for survivors of sexual abuse through psychosocial experts. Also, shared the positive results of counselling support to repeated offenders and their families in Bhopal.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul appreciated the initiative of DWCD and directed to extend this practice to all children released on bail.

**Department of School Education** shared that the department is operating Umang Helpline for tele-counselling with the support of UNFPA. They have received more than 01 lakh distress calls for children.

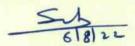
Hon'ble Smt Justice Anjuli Palo directed the department of school education and department of tribal welfare to develop IEC material and conduct nukkad nataks on creating awareness on mental health for students of their schools.

Mr Lolichen, UNICEF shared that along with Umang Helpline, UNICEF is developing an online module for school teachers to provide basic skills of counselling and it would help in identifying children who need a higher level of mental health intervention. It is requested that the Department of School Education & Department of Tribal Welfare must work on developing a pool of master trainers on MHPSS and basic skills of counselling so that teachers can be trained through a crash course on MHPSS and for identification of children in need of mental health support.

Addl. Secretary, MPSLSA suggested that para-legal volunteers and panelled lawyers could extend their support to the Department of School Education and Department of Tribal Welfare for creating awareness.

## After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

- 54. JJBs must conduct preliminary assessment u/s 15 of JJ Act, 2015 with the support of psychosocial experts in the light of the abovementioned judgment towards this DWCD must identify and train experts and share list with JJBs.
- 55. DWCD must ensure that CWCs refer survivors of sexual abuse for expert-level counselling support.
- 56. DWCD must ensure counselling support for children residing in alternate care with adopted parents, foster parents and children beneficiaries of the sponsorship scheme.



- 57. Department of School Education & Department of Tribal Welfare must create awareness among students on mental health by developing IEC material and nukkad nataks and share the action taken report to HC-JJC within 02 months.
- 58. Department of School Education & Department of Tribal Welfare to develop a pool of master trainers on MHPSS and basic skills of counselling so that teachers can be trained through a crash course on MHPSS and for identification of children in need of mental health support and share the action taken report to HC-JJC within 02 months.
- **59.** MPSLSA, Department of School Education and Department of Tribal Education must collaborate for creating awareness at schools through Para-legal Volunteers and Panelled Lawyers.

#### L. Key Action-13: Juvenile Justice Fund (JJF)

Hon'ble Shri Justice Anand Pathak expected that DWCD will create awareness on JJF and also directed MPSLSA to work with DWCD on the model that the fine cost collected by the High Court of M.P. under legal aid could be partially diverted to the Juvenile Justice Fund.

**DWCD** shared that the High Court of M.P., Bench Indore has provided a sum of 2.5 crores to DWCD for the CCIs of Ujjain and Indore Division.

## After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

- **60.** DWCD must notify the operational guidelines for JJF within 02 months.
- **61.** DWCD to share the status of utilization of JJF with HC-JJC within 01 month.

M. Key Action-14: Child Protection Management Information System (CP-MIS)

**DWCD** shared that the CP-MIS has been developed to receive reports from district-level stakeholders and information about children residing in CCIs. After rolling out of CP-MIS, reports of the district inspection committee, DCPC, BCPC, WCPC, and PCPC would be received through MIS. The department has also provided access to CWC, and JJB for monthly reporting. The CP-MIS would also be used to track the progress of care leavers and children in aftercare.

Secretary, HC-JJC shared that initially, the responsibility lies on DWCD for providing access to all stakeholder departments and district-level functionaries. Post rollout the stakeholders would be responsible to update the progress of children residing in CCIs related to their departments. E.g.: - the teachers of the education department visiting CCIs would update the progress of children in education, visiting doctors to update the health conditions of children and the Department of Technical Education to update the progress on skill development of children and steps taken to ensure employment after completing the age of 18 years.

## After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

- 62. DWCD must ensure that the progress of care leavers and children in aftercare is tracked untill they get employed and are settled satisfactorily.
- 63. DWCD must provide login access to HC-JJC and Judicial Stakeholders i.e. Visitor Judges and Principal Magistrate.
- 64. DWCD must provide login access to stakeholder departments i.e. Home Department, Department of School Education, Department of Health, Department of Social Justice, Department of Technical Education, Department of Sports & Youth Welfare, Department of Labour & ChildLine and their district functionaries.

## N. Key Action-15: Alternative Care Programme

Secretary, HC-JJC shared that the principle of institutionalization as a last resort must be upheld and children must be diverted toward alternate care



programmes. DWCD must start to develop the transition planning for the aftercare programme for children residing in CCIs once they cross the age of 14 years.

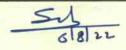
ACS, DWCD shared that the department has developed a scheme for aftercare in which the department would bear the expenses of training and education of children. The Department has collaborated with the Department of Technical Education to ensure the children get the best facilities for skill development. The DWCD shared that cap of 40 children per district under the sponsorship scheme has been removed and now the benefit of sponsorship would be provided as per the demands generated at the district level.

Mr Lolichen, UNICEF shared that children in conflict with law who are involved in petty offences must be diverted to their families rather than sending them to observations home. This can only be possible with the coordination among SJPU & DCPU as follow-up is crucial once a child is diverted other than being institutionalised. He also shared about the care leavers network, Yuva Shakti Sangatan developed by DWCD with technical supports from UNICEF and how this is helping care leavers to explore their career and independent living opportunities.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Anand Pathak expected that the Home Department, MPSLSA & UNICEF will work on a model for diverting children involved in petty offences cases towards deinstitutionalization.

## After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

- 65. DWCD must ensure providing transition planning programmes to children residing in CCIs of the age group of 15 to 18 years to bridge the need for education and technical skills required for enrolling in the aftercare programme.
- 66. DWCD to collaborate with the Department of Technical Education for enrolling children in skill development courses as per their



interest and share the progress of skill development and status of an employment opportunity with HC-JJC.

67. DWCD and Home Department to conduct a training and sensitization program for CWCs, JJBs & SJPUs/CWPOs on strengthening gate-keeping and diversion mechanisms to ensure alternate care for children.

#### O. Key Action-16: Review/Coordination Meetings

Secretary, HC-JJC appreciated DWCD for organizing SCPC quarterly meetings on regular basis and share that the same focus should be drawn towards conducting DCPC and BCPC meetings quarterly. It is also suggested to develop a calendar of dates and intervals to indicate the tentative dates to conduct meetings at the district and block levels.

DWCD shared that they are working on developing such a calendar and also shared that they have already fixed 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 for conducting DCPC and BCPC across the State. This practice would be continued on quarterly basis.

## After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

- 68. DWCD must share the minutes of SCPC meetings conducted this year with HC-JJC.
- 69. DWCD must develop a calendar of meetings with designated periods for conducting quarterly meetings at the District level, Block level and Panchayat level.

## P. Compliance of one to one meetings with all the departments

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul shared that the need of nominating nodal officers was to streamline the communication between HC-JJC and Stakeholder departments.

After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

- 70. All the Nodal Officers must share the progress and compliances of resolutions with HC-JJC for its timely review.
- Q. New Agenda Points for Finance Department & Department of Women and Child Development
- 1. Allocation of funds for witnesses appearing before JJBs:

Secretary, HC- JJC shared that witnesses appearing before JJBs do not get any funds for diet or travel as provided in other courts. The JJBs do not have any structure or advance funds to cater the needs of witnesses. If funds are provided in advance to JJBs then this could be resolved.

**Department of Finance** shared that if DWCD submits such proposal then the department would consider it.

2. Financial support to continue services of 03 staff members of Secretariat HC-JJC:

Secretary, HC-JJC shared that 03 staff member of Secretariat, HC-JJC i.e. 02 Data Entry Operator and 01 Office Assistant are financially supported by DWCD. The Salary of these staff is to be revised as per the change in salary of contingent employees of the High Court of M.P. since April 2021. The same proposal is sent to DWCD for revised salaries and to resolve the pending arrears.

Finance Department shared that the department has given consent to the proposal shared by DWCD.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul expected that DWCD will resolve the salary issue and pending arrears within 01 month.

After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

- 71. DWCD to submit the proposal to Finance Department for providing funds to witnesses appearing before JJBs
- 72. DWCD to resolve the salary issue of Secretariat Staff, HC-JJC within 01 month

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73. DWCD must coordinate with the Finance Department on the issue of pending arrears from April-2021 and resolve it within 01 month.

## R. Engaging vulnerable children through Community Mediation Centres

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul shared that with the help of MPSLSA, Community Mediation Centres were established to resolve matrimonial issues arising out of the society by the community mediators of different communities. The High Court Legal Services Committee conducted 20 hours of training programmes for 16 communities in Indore and 10 community mediation centres were established in different parts of Indore. Also, the Police Department supported CMCs by circulating their contact numbers in each police station for disposal of matrimonial issues by prelitigation mediation. Community mediators settled 41 matters out of 220 referred matters.

Further, it is proposed that the Community Mediations Centres could work as Community Support Centres (CSC) to extend their support for vulnerable children of their community and safeguard them with preventive actions and provide support in children's rehabilitation and restoration process. The CSC would take support from the retired professionals of the community like i.e. Judges, Teachers, Doctors, Ex-servicemen, and Police Officers to guide children for building a better future. The CSCs would have interactive places along with libraries and reading rooms for children.

We have examples of individuals supporting such vulnerable children like in Gwarighat, Jabalpur where a teacher is engaging around 200 children belonging to unprivileged sections of the society. With the effort of an individual, these children are continuing their education. The children are the responsibility of society and society must play a role in the upliftment of these children.



This concept is open for suggestions from all the allied departments and what contributions in terms of services can be provided through the concerned departments.

Ms Margaret Gwada, Chief of Field Office, UNICEF, Bhopal Office shared that UNICEF would like to be a part of this initiative as it is a strategic intervention that would be a strong component in ensuring the protection of children at the community level and that it has the potential to ensure that children are secure and empowered by the community. UNICEF is willing to work for developing a plan and strategy that could be implemented across the State. Also, UNICEF would provide support in documenting the initiative which could be circulated across the country.

#### After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

74. HC-JJC to share the "concept note" of Community Support Centres with all the Juvenile Justice Stakeholders for their suggestions and feedback.

# S. Discussion on developing a new State Action Plan to protect children in Madhya Pradesh- 2023

Secretary, HC-JJC shared that the State Action Plan was developed in 2018 with 16 Key Action Points out of which few have complied and others have partial progress. The State of M.P. needs to draft a fresh State Action Plan to cater for the challenges and concerns of children. The DWCD allied departments and UNICEF must share their suggestions for the new State Action Plan so that it could be drafted and rolled out by January 2023.

## After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

75. A new State Action Plan for 2023 will be developed, identifying the key priorities of child protection in the state. While it will be led by HC-JJC, DWCD with UNICEF will facilitate the stakeholders consultation and develop a draft plan jointly with HC-JJC.

#### Session-2

(3:00 PM to 5:30 PM)

# MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED WITH DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

A. Sharing of findings from District Level Functionaries of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2015: Counselling, Medical, Individual Care Plan, Follow-up

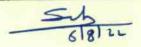
Secretary, HC-JJC shared issues identified in 09 District Functionaries meeting i.e. lack of Case Monitoring Sheet in JJBs, irregular DCPC meeting, Appearance of CWPOs in police uniform before JJBs, No follow-up of children released on bail, transferred to other districts CCIs and children restored to families. Authorities lack disables friendly approach, Video conferencing facilities and internet connection are not available in OH and JJBs. He also added, that counselling must be conducted within 48 hours of children entering in CCIs and Individual Care plans have not developed as per the spirit of the Act.

**DWCD** shared that trainings of 06 batches of counsellors and probation officers on the **new Individual Care Plan** have been conducted through **Udayan Care with the support of UNICEF**. Also, DWCD mentioned that the VC facility is not available in 13 districts.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul expected that DWCD will conduct training on ICP for the remaining 03 batches at the earliest through Udayan Care and also to conduct refresher training for all the batches regularly.

Mr Lolichen, UNICEF shared that the state should conduct reviews of some sample ICPs from every district to check the quality and assess the need for re-training. Also, the refresher trainings are to be conducted on the regular basis and follow-up must be conducted as the needs of the children change with their growth.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Anand Pathak suggested that NIMHANS, UNICEF & DWCD must coordinate to strengthen the Preliminary



Assessment u/s 15 of JJ Act, 2015 and provide training on assessing the mental capacity of children u/s 15 of JJ Act, 2015.

#### After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

- 76. Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD) should conduct training on ICPs for the remaining 03 batches at the earliest through Udayan Care and also conduct refresher training for all the batches regularly and share the training reports with HC-JJC.
- 77. DWCD should ensure to carry out regular monitoring of Individual Care Plan developed in CCIs.
- **78.** DWCD must conduct regular reviews of some samples of ICPs prepared in every district.
- 79. DWCD must coordinate with UNICEF for conducting training of Juvenile Justice Boards on Preliminary Assessment by NIMHANS u/s 15 of JJ Act, 2015.
- 80. DWCD should coordinate with the allied department for the availability of special educators for children with disability.
- 81. Department of Social Justice and Disable Welfare shall provide necessary equipment for children with disability residing in CCIs within 01 month.
- 82. DWCD should ensure VC facility and availability of internet in all JJBs and OHs within 01 month.
- 83. DWCD should monitor and ensure the follow-up of services to children restored, bailout, transferred to other districts CCIs through DCPUs and share the progress of follow-ups quarterly with HC-JJC.
- 84. DWCD should ensure counselling facilities for every child entering in CCIs within 48 hours with the intent of enriching the case history of the child in Form-43 and to prioritise the restoration of the child to his/her family.

# B. Compliances of orders passed in "In Re Contagion of Covid-19 Virus in Children Protection Homes."

Hon'ble Smt Anjuli Palo directed DWCD to share the list of beneficiaries under sponsorship, CM Covid- Bal Sewa Yojana PM Care Scheme and foster care to HC-JJC.

After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee has resolved that: -

- **85.** DWCD will share the list of Nodal officers appointed by the Department of Education and Department of Labour in compliance with the order dated 09.05.2022.
- **86.** DWCD should share the list of beneficiaries under sponsorship, CM Covid- Bal Sewa Yojana PM Care Scheme and foster care to HC-JJC within **01 month.**
- 87. All the compliances and progress made under "In Re Contagion of COVID 19 virus in Children Protection Homes" and orders dated15.12.2020, 28.05.2021, 07.06.2021, 17.01.2022 & 09.05.2022 will be shared by DWCD to HC-JJC.
- **88.** All the submissions/compliances of the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India shall be shared with HC-JJC.
- 89. DWCD to share the notification of 'Bal Ashriwad Yojana' and the list of beneficiaries of the beneficiary scheme with HC-JJC.

## C. Proposed Annual Planner of Child Care Institutions

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul directed DWCD to develop a mechanism for the identification of talented children residing in CCIs in the field of Art, Sports and Academics.

**DWCD** shared that as per the previous direction given by HC-JJC, DWCD is collaborating with the sports and culture department.

Secretary, HC-JJC shared information received regarding the implementation of the Annual Planner from Vidisha district where the District Sports Officer refused to come and support CCIs because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Also, Secretary, HC-JJC suggested that DWCD to collaborate with the Sports and Art & Culture department and other concerned departments so that this type of situation does not arise, at least the officers of the concerned department should know about their role and responsibilities.

#### After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

- 90. DWCD must enter into collaboration with Juvenile Justice Stakeholder Departments i.e. Department of Sports & Youth Welfare and the Department of Education. Department Culture, Department of Technical Education, Department of Tribal Affairs, Department of Health, Department of Social Justice and Disabled Welfare and MPSLSA for providing their services in CCIs to implement the annual planner.
- 91. Department of Women and Child Development must ensure facilitating the challenges faced by CCIs in implementing the annual planner and also conduct a review of the annual planner at their level and share the reports with HC-JJC.

## D. Ensuring basic legal documents for Children residing in CCIs

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul directed DWCD to ensure that every child living in CCIs must have their basic legal documents. Also, DWCD must ensure the safety of such documents and provide documents to children when they leave the CCIs.

**DWCD** shared that the basic legal documents would be kept in the custody of Superintendents of CCIs and a copy of the same would be annexed to every child's personal file. DWCD also suggested that all ID Cards and education documents of the children would be uploaded to **DigiLocker**.

After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee resolved that: -

- 92. DWCD to provide basic legal documents for all children residing in CCIs.
- 93. The Superintendents of CCIs would be responsible for the security and record keeping of the legal documents of the children and share the compliance with HC-JJC within 01 month.
- 94. DWCD to ensure that legal ID Cards of children and other documents are uploaded on DigiLocker within 03 months.
- 95. DWCD to ensure that the basic legal documents are provided to all care leavers as per Form-7(Part D) prescribed under Juvenile Justice Rules, 2016.
- **96.** DWCD to designate an officer in every district to provide a signal point of contact to support children/youth in Aftercare.

## E. Status Of Child Care Institution In Madhya Pradesh-2021

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul expected that DWCD will ensure registration of every CCI and no CCI should be operational without registration.

**DWCD** shared that the department is working on the renewal of registrations and would complete the registration of all CCIs within 02 weeks.

**Secretary,** HC-JJC suggested that the registration of CCIs must be monitored and the process of renewal must be initiated in advance.

Additional Chief Secretary, DWCD shared that the department would monitor the registration process through CP-MIS continuously.

On the issues of CCTV Cameras, Secretary, HC-JJC shared that the CCTV installed in CCIs do not have adequate backup and are not installed in sufficient numbers.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul expected that DWCD will develop a guideline on the installation of CCTVs, backup, maintenance, and authority to examine CCTV and security of footage within 01 month.

Hon'ble Shri Justice Anand Pathak directed DWCD to develop a mechanism to enable the department for conducting virtual visits to CCIs through CCTVs. Also, directed that the Directorate must conduct random virtual visits on regular basis.

On the issues of Security, Secretary, HC-JJC shared that security persons can be hired through private agencies and the funds can be utilized under 'Mission Vatsalya'. So DWCD must ensure adequate security at all CCIs specially Observation homes, Special homes, Place of Safety.

#### After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee has resolved that:

- 97. DWCD to ensure resolutions of issues of CCIs highlighted in the gap analysis sheet for 2021 with time bound approach.
- 98. DWCD to ensure that unregistered CCIs and CCIs with expired registration are not operational in the State
- 99. Home Department to ensure the availability of at least 09 security guards for each Observation Home and Special Home, and all such security guards deployed at the CCIs should be trained about M.P. Child Protection Policy and other protocols to protect children, and prevent them from any abuse.
- 100. DWCD to ensure the availability of better surveillance and security mechanism to stop the cases of runaway children from Observation Homes/Special Homes/Places of Safety.
- 101. Health Department to ensure the availability of doctors on call and conduct training on their roles in CCIs and sensitization program for proper medical attention of children residing in CCIs within 01 month and share the same to HC-JJC.



- 102. DWCD to coordinate with allied departments and ensure the availability of nurses and paramedic staff in CCIs as per the mandate of the JJ Act, 2015 & and share the status to HC-JJC within 01 month.
- 103. DWCD and Department of Education to ensure availability of teachers in Observation Homes, Special Homes, Places of Safety, Children Homes, Open Shelter Homes and Specialized Adoption Agencies.
- 104. DWCD and Department of Education to ensure enrolment of all children residing in Children Home, Open Shelter Home and Specialized Adoption Agency in formal schooling education and share the same to HC-JJC within 01 month.
- 105. DWCD and Department of Sports & Youth Welfare to ensure the availability of outdoor sports activity and physical training/Yoga sessions through qualified coaches and trainers for children residing in CCIs within 01 month.
- 106. DWCD to develop guideline for installation of CCTVs cameras, their maintenance, backup, authority to examine CCTVs and security of footage and share to HC-JJC within 01 month.
- 107. DWCD to ensure the implementation of guidelines on CCTVs in CCIs and ensure that all CCTVs are functional with 03 months backup of footage. Also, the Visitor Judges & Principal Magistrates of JJBs would inspect the functioning of CCTVs quarterly.
- 108. DWCD to ensure the implementation of Form-40 & Form-43 prescribed in JJ Rules, 2016 through the Superintendent of CCIs.
- 109. DWCDto develop a strategy to ensure that no physical abuse or torture is committed on children residing in CCIs within 01 month.
- 110. DWCD to finalize the TOR for District Inspection Committees (DICs) and conduct training sessions for DICs on their roles in

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monitoring the standards of care in CCIs and share the same with HC-JJC within 01 month.

#### F. FUNCTIONING OF CWC & JJB MEMBERS

Secretary, HC-JJC shared that a lot of complaints have been received against the members of CWCs & JJBs regarding their internal issues which are at large harming the interest of children. The complainants do not have any appropriate platform to share their grievances. HC-JJC suggested DWCD for developing a grievance cell and in compliance; DWCD has developed a grievance cell. After analyzing the draft notification HC-JJC observed the need for the appellate body of the grievance cell and setting up of fixed time for resolving the complaints.

### After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee has resolved that:

- 111. DWCD to conduct inquiries on complaints received against Members of CWCs & JJBs for misuse of power or indulgence in malpractice against the spirit of the Juvenile Justice Act and take appropriate action.
- 112. DWCD to add a provision for time-bound resolution of complaints for the guidelines of the "Grievance Cell". Also, DWCD to provide an appellate authority in case of unsatisfactory resolution of complaints within the specified time limit. The DWCD to share the amended guideline with HC-JJC within 01 month.

# G. Provide Secretarial Staff to Juvenile Justice Board & Child Welfare Committee as per Rule 85 (xxvi)

Hon'ble Shri Justice Sujoy Paul expected that DWCD will develop a cadre of staff for Juvenile Justice Boards in reference to order passed by the High Court of Rajasthan in Case No, DB Civil Writ Petition 3453/2018.

After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee has resolved that:

113. DWCD to expedite the recruitment process of Data Entry Operators and Legal-Cum-Probation-Officers for JJBs.

114. DWCD should develop a staff cadre of reader, stenographer, junior judicial assistant and two peons for each JJB and share this with HC-JJC within 03 months.

## H. Compliance Of One To One Meeting With DWCD

After consideration, the Juvenile Justice Committee has resolved that:

or psychosocial workers for preliminary assessment. A pool of psychosocial experts should be developing for the State in this regard, within 04 months. And wherein physical availability of experts cannot be ensured then the assessment should be done through Virtual or Hybrid mode and share the mapped list with HC-JJC within 05 months.

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

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