

Minutes of the 10th PAB Meeting under ICPS held on 7th January, 2011.

The tenth meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) for ICPS was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary WCD, on 7th January 2011 to consider the financial proposals for release of grants for 2010-11 to the National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCTD). List of participants is annexed.

2. At the outset, Secretary (WCD) welcomed all present and invited Secretary, Department of Women & Child, NCT of Delhi, Shri Manoj Parida to present the proposals for Delhi. A copy of the presentation made on the status of implementation of ICPS and further plans for implementation is at Annex.

3. In the presentation, it was informed that, the Government had undertaken a survey in order to understand the status of children in Delhi. 27 voluntary organisations were given the format developed by NIPCCD for collection of baseline data. Further, under the safe-city campaign for women and girls, city wide mapping is being undertaken to identify safe and unsafe zones in Delhi, with the help of Jagori, an NGO which works on women's issues.

4. It was informed that a large proportion of children on the streets, (as well as in the Homes and Shelters), hail from other States such as Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand and UP. In the past, Delhi has repatriated children, to these States through inter-State liaison. It was informed that Saathi, an NGO funded by Railways, is doing good work on repatriation. CWC members from Delhi have also visited Bihar and Punjab, on the instructions of the Justice Lokur Committee, to ascertain the availability of facilities for children in these States. The State was informed that, recognizing the need for providing more facilities for children in the source States, the Ministry has already approved the creation of infrastructure under ICPS in these States.

5. The need for night shelters, especially during the extreme cold winter, was discussed. The representative of the State Government informed that there are no special shelters for children and that they are either accommodated with their parents in general shelters, or placed in Children's Homes. The State was advised to set up drop-in shelters for beggars, street and working children.

6. On the issue of CWCs, Secretary DWCD stated that the CWCs are working quite well in Delhi. The State is giving an Honorarium of Rs.1000 per sitting to the members. Besides, TA is also given to the Chairperson. However, there is no mechanism for monitoring the

functioning of CWCs under the JJ Act. The Law Ministry has given grant to the HAQ, an NGO working on the Juvenile Justice system, to develop Guidelines for CWCs.

7. It was mentioned that a Juvenile Justice Committee has been formed under the Chief Justice of the High Court, with 4 Judges as members. The Committee monitors the Homes, CWCs and NGOs as well as looks into the working of the WCD Department.

8. A Children's Court has been established in Delhi under the NCPCR Act.

9. Institutional Care:

9.1 It was informed that presently there are 2 Observation Homes for Boys, 1 Observation Home for Girls and 1 Special Home, besides a Place of Safety for those children above 16 years, who have committed heinous crimes and/or create trouble for other children.

9.2 The Department runs 4 Children's homes for Boys and 4 for Girls, 3 children's homes for the mentally challenged, 3 village cottage Homes, 4 Homes for healthy children of leprosy affected parents and 3 Homes for children of denotified tribes. The Village Cottage Homes run on the SOS Village pattern and house children of single parents, jailed parents or children from problem families. As some of Village Cottage Homes, (including those for children of leprosy affected patients and denotified tribes), are underutilized, some of these are being converted into Children's Homes and the process is expected to be completed in the next few months.

Several 6 NGO run Institutions are also recognized as Shelter homes. In addition, 50 NGOs are also running CCIs registered under JJ Act. It was noted that 2 Homes run by one NGO are still not registered under JJ Act, and the State is actively pursuing the same.

9.3 A Mental Health Unit in has been opened in the Nirmal Chhaya complex for screening children, which is working well. A de-addiction centre is being set up in the Kingsway Camp Observation Home. As a special initiative, Delhi has created an annexe in the Nirmal Chhaya Short Stay Home complex for girls who are pregnant and abandoned by their family.

9.4 The representative of Delhi Government informed that there are two after care organizations, mainly for girls in the age group of 15-18 years. It was suggested that jobs could be reserved for children leaving institutional care, as is being done in Tamil Nadu.

Director, HRD suggested that the girls could be trained as teachers as there are many vacancies for primary teachers in Government run schools.

9.5 The issue of Homes being used like hostels was discussed. Additional Secretary, WCD said that those children who have both parents should not be encouraged to stay in Homes. He requested Delhi Government to conduct a study to determine the category of children who live in the Homes. Chairman PAB suggested that the State should consider integration of Homes with the initiatives being taken under RTE. For such children who are staying in the Homes for educational purposes, residential schools could be opened under SSA.

It was informed that an abandoned building in Narela is being converted to a residential school for children living on the streets, child beggars etc.

9.6 Director, HRD briefed the members of PAB about the provision under SSA for special education for mentally or physically challenged children and asked to take advantage of this component for education of such children living in the Homes.

10. Non-Institutional Care:

10.1 A total of 7 RIPAs and 4 LAPAs are currently functioning as SAAs under the JJ Act and the State confirmed that data required by CARA is being given by them regularly. Delhi was requested to provide the list of these SAAs as CARA's position shows 9 SAAs in the State. It was indicated that as these organisations have sufficient resources of their own, no grants are required under ICPS.

10.2 Pre adoption foster care is being done by Nirmal Chaya, however, no information is being received by CARA on this. The State was requested to follow up with the agency to send data to CARA regularly.

10.3 The Delhi Foster care rules have been approved by Lt. Governor. However, the guidelines are yet to be finalized and approved.

11. Status of Statutory bodies & Structures:

11.1. Delhi Government has **4 CWCs and 2 JJBs**. 1 JJB is in the process of being established.

11.2 The representative of Delhi Government was of the view that as the geographical spread is very small, no DCPS is required. Jt. Secretary, WCD emphasized upon the importance of the role of DCPS and asked the State to consider appointing some staff to DCPS who can work along with the SCPS. The State would consider this model for the next year after a need assessment has been done.

11.3 The Director, WCD, Government of Delhi informed that **SPSU and SCPS have been set up in October 2010** and **SARA** is in the process of being established. Discussions are ongoing with CVARA, the existing ACA, for merging into SARA.

11.4 **Open Shelters:** Delhi Government has not asked for any grants under this component. It was informed that most of their Shelters do not meet with the requirements as stated under ICPS. A clarification was also sought as to whether the children who stay beyond 24 hours would be required to go through the CWC process. It was decided that this would be discussed separately and that only those NGOs would be considered who meet the requirements of ICPS.

12. Decisions taken by the Board:

12.1 **SPSU:** The SPSU has been set up in October 2010, therefore, PAB approved non-recurring grants as requested, and recurring grants from October 2010.

12.2 **SCPS:** The SCPS has been set up in October 2010, therefore, PAB approved non-recurring grants as requested and recurring grants from October 2010.

12.3 **DCPS:** As there is no DCPS in the State, PAB asked them to consider setting up DCPSs, as required, in the next year.

12.4 **SARA:** SARA is expected to be set up in the next year, therefore PAB decided that no grant would be given in this year.

12.5 **ACA:** PAB decided that grant would be given for this year for 1 existing ACA as SARA has not yet been set up.

12.6 **Institutional Care:** It was decided by PAB that grants for the full year would be given to twelve (12) existing government run institutions and five (5) NGO run institutions. The six (6) new Government run institutions would be given grants from the date of sanction.

The State has not indicated the actual salaries being paid to the staff in the Government run Homes. It was clarified to the State that the ICPS provides for salaries on existing Government scales to staff of Government run Homes. PAB decided that as the actual salaries have not been indicated, no grants will be released in the current year for this. However, reimbursement would be considered next year if requested by the State.

12.7 **Open Shelters:** PAB approved reimbursements for the previous year as per the old norms to the projects recommended by the State. No grants have been proposed for the current year by the State. The State would send a proposal for continuation of existing

projects, on old norms, if these are found suitable. In principle approval was given for the same.

12.8 **CWC and JJB:** PAB decided that grants would be given for 4 existing CWCs and 2 JJBs for the complete year and for 1 new JJB for 2 months of this year.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

List of Participants

1. Sh. D.K. Sikri, Secretary, (WCD) - Chairperson
2. Sh. Sudhir Kumar, Additional Secretary, (WCD)
3. Mrs. Preeti Madan. Jt. Secretary, (WCD)
4. Sh. Manoj Parida, Secretary, Govt. of Delhi.
5. Sh. P. K. Thakur, Director, Finance
6. Sh. Rajiv Kale, Director, WCD, Delhi Govt.
7. Dr. Suparna S. Pachauri Deputy Secretary, MHRD D/O SE&L
8. Mrs. Kalyani Chadha, Director, (CW-II) (WCD)
9. Dr. Ashok Kumar, Jt. Director, NIPCCD
10. Dr. Jagannath Pati Jt. Secretary, CARA
11. Sh. R. N. Mangla, Additional Director, WCD, Govt. of Delhi
12. Mrs. Shuchi Sehgal Dy. Director, WCD, Govt. of Delhi
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