

**MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE STATE CHILD PROTECTION SOCIETY, ASSAM ON 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2012 AT HOTEL NAKSHATRA**

The Third Meeting of the State Child Protection Society, Assam was held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012 in the Hotel Nakshatra, Guwahati at 12:30 P.M. The meeting was presided over by the Chairperson, State Child Protection Society & Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare Department. The following members were present.

Sl.No.	Members	Designation
1	Shri H.K.Sharma,IAS Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Social Welfare Department,Dispur	Chairperson
2	Shri R.L.Duarah, IAS Director,Social Welfare Department,Assam	Member Secretary
3	G.K. Kalita Commissioner, Deptt. of Labour and Employment, Assam	Member
4	Shri A.K. Gogoi Jt. Secretary, Labour & Employment Deptt	Representative from Labour and Employment Deptt.
5	Shri Mahadananda Hazarika, ACS Joint Secretary, Deptt. of Home & Political	Representative from home Deptt.
6	Shri G.K. Baisya OSD, Finance Deptt	Representative from Deptt. of Finance
7	Dr. Bandana Bhuyan, Regional Director, NIPCCD	Member
8	Smti. Jeuti Barooah, Director,LRI, Gauhati High Court.	Member
9	Fr. Lukose Cheruvalel Founder & Director, Snehalaya	Member
10	Mrs. Ruprekha Mushahary Director, CHILDLINE	Member
11	Smti. Anjali Boruah President, ICCW	Member
12	Smti. Neera Gogoi Sonowal Deputy Secretary, Social Welfare Department	Representative of Social Welfare Department
13	Shri Vedprakash Gautam	Member Representative from UNICEF
14	Shri J.N. Dutta Jt. Director, Social Welfare Deptt.	

The Member Secretary, Shri R.L.Duarah in his opening address welcomed every member of State Child Protection Society present from different Departments of the Govt. of Assam and other bodies.

The deliberations were held on the resolutions adopted in the previous SCPS meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2011. The Member Secretary briefed the meeting on the actions taken against the resolutions adopted. He clearly mentioned that UNICEF has placed an ICPS consultant but in case of workload the Society may engage another consultant. Fr. Lukose raised a practical difficulty while producing the child before the Child Welfare Committees. In Kamrup some of the Police Stations fall under both Kamrup (Metro) and Kamrup (Rural). So, there is confusion among the police regarding where to produce the Child. In Kamrup (Rural) there are very few cases and so awareness among the civil societies as well as NGOs should be created. Advertisement on issues regarding trafficking would play an important role in the functioning of the Child Welfare Committees. He also pointed out that there is a need to sensitize police at the district level. Responding to it Shri Mahadananda Hazarika, ACS, Joint Secretary, Deptt. of Home & Political said that the trainings are being orgainised at every district by the Deptt. of Home, CID. He also suggested that the sensitization programmes at the Block level could be tied up with Zila Parishad under the directives of Superintendent of Police and also SIRD could be approached to allot a slot for training of the Panchayat Level elected representatives on child protection isuues. In this regard Chairperson, SCPS & Commissioner and Secretary, Social Welfare Department suggested to approach SIRD to include a session on Child Protection in their Training Modules. Mr. Vedprakash Gautam, Child Protection Officer, UNICEF said that CID is providing training for the Anti Human Trafficking Units. He suggested that these trainings could be tied up with the SCPS in order to address the child protection issues.

While congratulating G.K. Kalita, Commissioner, Labour, Assam for the good work in field, Fr. Lukose reemphasized the role of police in Child Labour, Child abuse, Child trafficking and Child Crime. He said that SJPUs in Assam have not yet been fully functional. Therefore he urged the Home Deptt. to set up a Model SJPU in Kamrup Metro. The Joint Secretary, Deptt of Home suggested SCPS to develop a Website in the name of SCPS which would help in IEC also

people will be able to have ideas on Rules, roles and responsibilities of all ICPS functionaries including all stake holders.

The problem of substance abuse in the form of Dendrite, Eraz-ex, etc by school going children in the city too was discussed. In this regard it was suggested to take up with concerned departments for issuance of a circular banning the items. It was argued that though Dendrite was used as an educational tool it could be banned by the department concerned since alternatives are available in the market. The selling of tobacco related items are banned within hundred yards from the school premises. But it should be properly enforced.

Smti Jeuti Barooah, Director LRI suggested to take a concrete resolution in the presence of Labour Commissioner Shri Kalita against Child Labour. Responding to it Labour Commissioner said that in every district, District Level Task Forces to rescue child labourers have been formed. The District Level Task Forces have been empowered to conduct raids and rescue children. Mr. Vedprakash Gautam suggested inclusion of District Child Protection Officer in the District Level Task Force. Labour Commissioner brought out a very important point regarding post rescue. The Deptt does not have any rehabilitation home for sheltering the children rescued from child labour. If they take the children to Children's Home then they have to be produced before the Child Welfare Committee which would require procedures under Juvenile Justice Act. Hence they will not be able to take further necessary actions under Child Labour Prohibition and Regulatory Act against the persons who employ child labour. However Labour Commissioner stated that he shall take up the matter with Social Welfare Department/Home Department.

It was also brought out by Fr. Lukose that the institutional facilities for differently-abled children were not available. Hence, he proposed for separate institutional facility for such type of children. Responding to it the Member Secretary stated that already NGO run children homes have been approved among which a few of them will cater to the needs of this category of children only.

The Chairperson, SCPS enquired as to how many districts have been covered by the Govt. and NGO run Children's Homes. It was mentioned that 17 districts have been covered with 21 NGO run and 3 Govt. run Children's Homes. The Chairperson recommended that one orphanage home in Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao districts shall be converted into Children's

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Homes under JJ Act. In this connection the Principal Secretaries of the District Councils may be requested to apply to the Dept. of Social Welfare for registration under JJ Act.

On the basis of detailed discussion the Committee adopted the following resolutions:

1. Committee accepts the action taken report (Annexure A) against the resolution taken in the last SCPS meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 and also agrees to include the action taken reports as a part of book of records.
2. The NGOs who have submitted the Expression of Interest in response to public notification had been called for interviews and presentation of their cases before the expert committee. All total 53 applications had been received. The Committee recommended the names of 21NGOs who have at present children's homes running experiences and also have minimum required infrastructure. The recommendation of the expert committee have been accepted by the society and agreed to register them as fit institutions under JJ Act and recommended their names for inclusion in the budget proposal for the year 2012-13. The selected NGOs are:

Sl. No	Name of the NGO	District Covering
1	<b>Bokakhat Nirman Gut,</b> Nahorjan Tiniali, P.O. Bokakhat, Golaghat - 785612	Golaghat, Karbi Anglong
2	<b>Bikalanga Kalyan Kendra (Specialized Home),</b> Vill. Pahumoria Gaon, P.O. Panigaon, Lakhimpur - 787052	Lakhimpur
3	<b>Shanti Seva Ashram,</b> P.B. No. 24, Balugada, Sabjibari, Makum Road, Tinsukia - 786146	Tinsukia
4	<b>Sri Sri Sewa Ashram,</b> Borpathar, P.O. Maduripathar (Silapathar), Dist. Dhemaji - 787059	Dhemaji
5	<b>Fulkumari Bapuji Club,</b> Vill. Falimari, P.O. Falimari, Dhubri - 78325	Dhubri
6	<b>Mrinaljyoti Rehabilitation Centre,</b> No. 2 Chalaktoki Gaon, Kumutnagar, P.O. Jalonidibirtuduwar, Duliajan, Dibrugarh- 786602	Dibrugarh

7	<b>WODWICHEE,</b> P.O. Lakshirbond, Hailakandi - 788155	Hailakandi,Karimganj,Cachar, N.C.Hills
8	<b>Gramya Unnayan Sanstha,</b> Moilabari College Road, P.O. Moilabari, Morigaon - 782126	Morigaon
9	<b>North East Vision,</b> Chapaguri, P.O. Chapaguri, Chirang, BTC - 783380	Kokrajhar,Chirang,Bongaigaon
10	<b>Holy Child Children Home,</b> Udalguri, No. 3 Sapkhati, P.O. Barnagaon, Udalguri - 784509	Udalguri,Darrang
11	<b>Gram Vikash Parishad,</b> Vill. Rangaloo, P.O. Jumarmur, Dist. Nagaon - 782427	Nagaon
12	<b>Mission North-East,</b> Pakhamara Road, P.O. Barama, Baksa - 781346	Baksa,Nalbari
13	<b>Students Welfare Mission,</b> Santipur, P.O. Pathsala, Dist. Barpeta - 781325	Barpeta
14	<b>SOFTSEED,</b> Vill- Kaliabor, P.O. Kaliabor, Kuworitol, Nagaon - 782137	Nagoan,Sonitpur
15	<b>Nischima Orphanage Home Society,</b> Koilamoila, Chirang, BTC - 783393	Chirang,Bongaigaon,Kokrajhar
16	<b>IMPACT - N.E.,</b> Jorhat, P.O. Komlabari, Majuli, Jorhat- 785106	Jorhat,Sivasagar
17	<b>SOS Village,</b> Rani, Dist. Kamrup 781015	Kamrup(M&R)
18	<b>Assam Sishu Kalyan Sadan,</b> Sundarbari, Jalukbari, Guwahati -14	Kamrup(M&R)
19	<b>Snehalaya, Centre for Child Rights,</b> Don Bosco, Paltan Bazar, K.B. Road, Guwahati - 781008	Kamrup(M&R)
20	<b>Integrated Development Association,</b> P.O -Kismatpur,Dist-Goalpara	Goalpara
21	<b>Service With Smile,</b> Chiring Chapori,Thana Goli,P.O-Dibrugarh,Pin- 786001	Dibrugarh

The State Child protection Society further decides to extend necessary help to the above NGOs from the State Plan Budget. The Committee also approved the creation of separate unit for children in special needs in three NGOs namely:

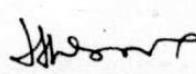
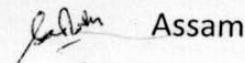
- a) Bikalanga Kalyan Kendra, Lakhimpur
  - b) Sri Sri Sewa Ashram, Silapathar, Dhemaji
  - c) Mrinaljyoti Rehabilitation Centre, Dibrugarh
3. The Committee agrees to extend the contractual period of the staff of SPSU, SCPS, SARA and DCPU for another period 11 months w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> July,2012.
4. Budget proposal for the year 2012-13 has been accepted by the committee as shown below:
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| i)   | State share -   | Rs. 97,89,951/-   |
| ii)  | Central share - | Rs.13,10,02,458/- |
| iii) | NGO share -     | Rs. 5,81,890/-    |
|      | Grand Total -   | Rs.14,13,74,299/- |

The Committee requests State Child Protection Society to submit the Budget Proposal to the Govt. of India for the year 2012-13.

5. The audited statements of account for 2010-11 and 2011-12 have been accepted by the committee. The Committee also directed to take necessary steps relating to submission of Tax Deduction Account Number as per Income Tax Act, 1961 and requests SCPS authority to apply to appropriate authority for getting Tax Deduction Account Number(TAN) and also requests to take steps for e-TDS returns. The Committee approved the audited statement for year 2010-11 and 2011-12 to the Registrar of Societies.
6. The Committee examined the recommended list of candidates for the post of Social Workers under District Child Protection Units received from 20 districts except Karbi Anglong, Dima Haso, Darrang, Udaguri, Kamrup(Metro), Morigaon and Dhubri. The Committee accepted the recommended list and authorized SCPS to inform all the Chairpersons (Deputy Commissioners), DCPC to engage the social workers on contractual basis for the period of 11 months subject to renewal. The Committee also

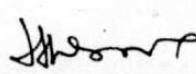
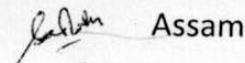
- authorized SCPS to accept the list to be recommended by the balance districts and also to take necessary steps regarding the engagement of social workers in the said districts.
7. The Member Secretary, SCPS explained about the status of the recruitment of District Child Protection Officer and informed that interviews for the said post is scheduled on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2012. The Committee authorized SCPS to engage District Child Protection Officers on the basis of merit list prepared after completion of recruitment process.
  8. The schedule of training of various stakeholders has been submitted by the Member Secretary before the committee explaining about the 13 nos. of trainings to be held w.e.f. 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2012 to December, 2012 at State and District Headquarters. The members of the committee approved the training schedule.
  9. The matter relating to allotment of vehicle to CHILDLINE has been discussed and the committee authorized SCPS to take necessary steps without further delay.
  10. The Committee examined the proposal submitted for sponsorship to selected needy children of Greater Guwahati by the Nodal Director, CHILDLINE, Guwahati and agrees to sanction Rs. 85,000/- for this fiscal year. (CLP 'B)

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

  
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**EXECUTIVE BODY MEETING OF STATE CHILD PROTECTION SOCIETY, ASSAM**

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2013

Venue: Nakshatra Hotel, Beltola, Guwahati – 28

Sl.	Name	Designation	Status in the Committee	Signature
1	Shri H.K. Sharma	Comm. and Secretary, Social Welfare Department	Chairperson, SCPS	
2	<i>S. H. Majumdar Dy. Secy. Finance (E.C.)</i>	Secretary, Department of Finance	Member	<i>G. S. 30/5/13</i>
3	<i>Mahananda Bharali, ACS.</i>	Secretary, Department of Home JT Secretary	Member	<i>N. C. 30/5/13</i>
4		Secretary, Department of Labour & Employment	Member	
5	Shri D. Barthakur	Member Secretary, SCPS Director, SW	Member Secretary	
6		Representative from MWCD	Member	
7	Smti. Bandana Bhuyan	Director, NIPCCD, Khanapara	Member	<i>B. 30/5/13</i>
8	Ms. Jeroo Master	Chief, UNICEF	Member	
9	Fr. Lukose Cheruvalel	Founder, Snehalaya	Member	<i>A.C. 30/5/13</i>
10	Smti Ruprekha Mushahary	Collab Director, CHILDLINE	Member	<i>R. M. 30/5/13</i>
11	Smti. Anjali Boruah	President, ICCW	Member	
12	<i>Dr. Kamla Dutt Boruah</i>	Joint Director, Pn R.D.	INVITEE	<i>D. 30/5/13</i>
13	<i>D. Gorai</i>	Dy. Labour Commissioner, Assam for L.C. Assam	invitee	<i>L. G. 30/5/2013</i>
14	<i>Dr. Bandana B</i>			
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