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No. WCD-CW-MISC- 0002-2020- 2043 /WCD&MS., Date: 05-02-2020 From

Rega Geetarani Pattnaik, OAS(S) Joint Secretary to Govt.

To

All Collectors

Sub: Preventive measures for prohibiting children from Protests .

Ref: Letter No. 133787 Dated - 14.12.2019 of NCPCR, New Delhi.

Madam /Sir,

In enclosing herewith a copy of the letter received from NCPCR, I am directed to inform you that Children are being found used in different protests like protest against Citizen Amendment Bill etc by the protesters. You are therefore requested to please look into the matter ,be vigilant and take appropriate stringent action against the persons involved in it, if found in your respective districts .

This is most urgent.

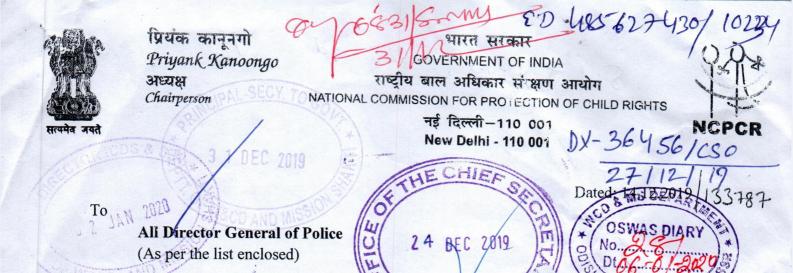
Yours faithfully,

Joint Secretary to Govt.

Memo no.: 2044 Date: 05-02. 2020

Copy along with enclosure forwarded to all DCPOs for information and necessary action.

Joint Secretary to Gov



The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (hereinafter referred as the 'Commission') is a statutory body constituted under the provisions of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 (4 of 2006) for the protection of child rights and other related matters.

This is to bring to your kind attention the misuse of children in the protests against the Citizenship Amendment Bill in different parts of the country. It has come to the Commission's notice that certain group of protesters are involving children in unlawful activities like storage pelting and other violent acts during the protests.

Such use of children, prima facie, amounts to violation of the rights of children under provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2015. Specifically, section 83 (2) of the Act states that Any adult or an adult group uses children for illegal activities either individually or as a gang shall be liable for rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to seven years and shall also be liable to fine of five lakh rupees. Further, section 75 of the Act states that whoever, having the actual charge of, or control over, a child, assaults, abandons, abuses, exposes or wilfully neglects the child or causes or procures the child to be assaulted, abandoned, abused, exposed or neglected in a manner likely to cause such child unnecessary mental or physical suffering, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine of one lakh rupees or with both.

In light of above, NCPCR, being the statutory body for protection of child rights under CPCR Act, 2005 and as per its mandate w/s 13 (1) of the Act, recommende to your good office to look into such matters of serious concerned involving misuse of children and take appropriate action in the best interest of the children.

With Regards,

Ar. Secretary wcDams Pr. Secretary Mome DG Police

Yours sincerely,

14.12.1 (Priyank Kanoongo)

Chairperson, NCPCR

/Copy to : All Chief Secretaries (As per the list Enclosed)

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