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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS

Commr. Secy. Labour & Employment

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D.O.No CP/NCPCR/Child Labour Task Force/2008

Dear Shri P. C. Sarma,

Subject: Tracking Child Labour through Task Force

It is heartening to note that the June 12th World Day against Child Labour was observed in several Districts in the country by the District Collectors in collaboration with the local NGO's. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) would like to keep the tempo of activities going in order to combat child labour in our country and ensure that every child enjoys his/her right to education.

It is in this regard that NCPCR sees the need to take a concerted action, especially considering the fact of prevalence of child labour across the country in almost every sector of the informal production process and occupations. It has been noticed that in spite of the existence of Child Labor (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 and the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, action to rescue children from the labour force or enforce the law by booking cases against the employers has been negligible. The numbers of employers prosecuted remains abysmally low, compared to the numbers of children who are being exploited.

In order to strengthen the enforcement of the law, the District Authorities must put in place a mechanism of 'social audit' through a Task Force to make sure that children are not employed in the processes and occupations as listed in the Schedule (Part A - Occupation and Part B - Processes) of the Child Labor (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986. This would also include residential complexes in case of employment of children as domestic child labour.

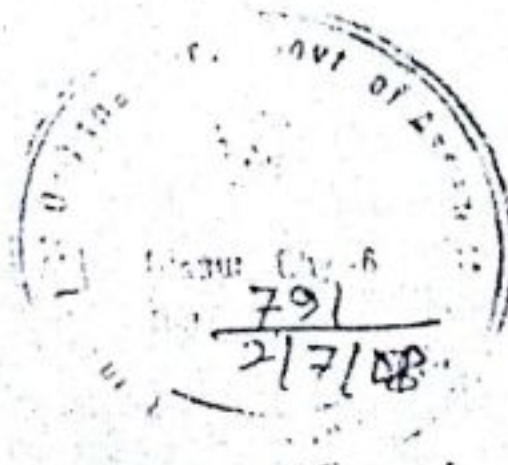
A review of the social audit through Task Force must be made by the Collector and the Labour Department must take action to book cases against the concerned employer(s) and take the case to its logical conclusion in cases where child labour continues to exist.

A note on social audit through Task Force procedures is enclosed.

With regards,

Encl As above

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Yours sincerely,

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