



# **MEGHALAYA STATE COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS**

ANNUAL REPORT



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## VISION ►

In keeping with the vision of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, the Mandate of the Meghalaya State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, is to ensure that all Laws, Policies, Programmes, and Administrative Mechanisms are in consonance with the Child Rights perspective as enshrined in the Constitution of India and also the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Child is defined as a person in the 0 to 18 years age group.

The Commission visualises a rights-based perspective and in order to touch every child, it seeks a deeper penetration to communities and households and expects that the ground experiences gathered at the field are taken into consideration by all the authorities at the higher level. Thus the Commission sees an indispensable role for the State, sound institution-building processes, respect for decentralization at the local bodies and community level and larger societal concern for children and their well-being.

## BACKGROUND ►

With the aim of effectively addressing the issue of protection of child rights in Meghalaya, the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights was set up. The Commission comprised of a Chairperson and six members including two women representatives.

The Government of Meghalaya, Social Welfare Department, vide Notification No. SW(S)112/2009/236 dated, Shillong the 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 under Section 4, sub-section (3) of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005 (4th of 2006) the Governor of Meghalaya appointed Smti. Meena Kharkongor as Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights for a period of 3 (three) years with immediate effect.

The Chairperson joined the Commission on 11th March, 2014 and the office was opened on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2014 at Nongshiliang, Nonthymmai, Shillong with a staff strength consisting of only the Chairperson, one peon and a chowkidar.

The Commission functioned from the above address till February, 2015 thereafter shifted it's office to Lower Lachumiere, Shillong.

## MEMBERS ►

CHAIRPERSON: SMTI. MEENA KHARKONGOR

MEMBERS:  
 SMTI. LUNGSIMON LYNGDOH  
 DR. (MRS) FLOURETTE G. DKHAR  
 SR. JUDITH SHADAP  
 SHRI. CARMO DE BRITTO NORONHA.  
 SMTI. HENRITHA. R. MARAK  
 SMTI. LENITHA. M. SANGMA.

All the five Members have joined the Commission except for Sr. Judith Shadap who tendered her resignation.

## CASES RECEIVED AT THE COMMISSION DURING 2014 - 15

1.	Child Custody	vide complaint dated 30.07.2014.
2.	Adolescent Case	vide complaint dated 13.08.2014.
3.	Child Custody	vide complaint dated 26.08.2014.
4.	Child Abuse	vide complaint dated 10.10.2014.
5.	Impluse NGO Complaint	vide complaint dated 16.10.2014.
6.	Abuse Case from Umniuh village	vide complaint dated 04.10.2014
7.	Alleged Rape case	vide complaint dated 26.02.2015
8.	Complaint against Head-Master, Bajengdoba Govt.M.P.Sec.school	vide complaint dated 12.03.2015
9.	Complaint against Mary rice School	vide complaint dated 31.03.2015.
10.	Assault of child in School	vide complaint suo-moto taken up by the Commission on 28.04.2015

## BRIEF HISTORY OF SOME OF THE CASES, CHALLENGES & SUCCESS ►

### CASE NO. 1: CUSTODY CASE

Complaint was filed for custody of a girl child by the maternal grandmother from the father. The Commission held hearings and tried settling the matter with an aim for an amicable settlement, keeping the child's best interest at the forefront. However, ultimately the parties decided to approach the Courts having jurisdiction where the matter is proceeding.

### CASE NO. 2: CUSTODY CASE

Minor boy who was granted custody to his father who had re-married. Upon complaint by the Mother of the child, the Commission took up the issue with the Child Welfare Committee whereby the Boy (Child) was re-united with his Mother.

### CASE NO. 3: VIOLATION OF CHILD RIGHT

A case of a young boy being beaten up by the Dorbar Shnong members was brought before the Commission. The Commission intervened and the matter was then settled. Awareness was also given to the Dorbar on "Child Rights" and how they are to handle cases brought before them.



## CASE NO. 4: RAPE CASE

Alleged Rape case of a teenager whose case is under police Investigation. The girl is receiving counseling provided by the Commission and her self- confidence is slowly growing.

## CASE NO. 5: CHILD BEATING

A case of child beating in the city school reported in the daily newspaper was taken up suo-moto by the Commission. The matter is under Police Investigation and an Independent Inquiry has also been directed jointly by the Child Welfare Committee and the Commission, while the teacher is under suspension.

## CASE NO. 6: CHILD LABOUR

On 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2014, the Chairperson, SCPCR was informed that there were some child laborers working in a Naga Food stall, Laitumkhrah, Shillong. Immediately the information was passed on to the District Child Protection Officers, Social Welfare Department, who then conducted raids with the Police and rescued two children below the age of 12 & 18 years. The children were then shifted to the shelter homes and ultimately restored back to their families outside the State.

## PROGRAMMES ATTENDED ►

### EASTERN REGIONAL LEVEL ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE

Attended the Eastern Regional Level Round Table Conference on “ Extend Social Protection- Combat Child Labour” in Guwahati, Assam on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014. Open discussions were held between various states and presentations were made on combating child Labour across the North eastern States.

### WORKSHOP ON ISSUES OF CHILD RIGHTS & CHILD PROTECTION



The Chairperson participated in the Workshop on Issues of Child Rights & Child Protection organized by the Education Department, Meghalaya, Shillong on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2014 at the State Convention Hall.

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## REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Attended the Regional Conference on Human Trafficking of 8 North Eastern States at Guwahati, Assam on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2014. During the two days workshop, the Chairperson shared State specific situations and trends, practices, learning and challenges of Anti- Human trafficking intervention were adopted

## AWARENESS PROGRAMME

Conducted Awareness Programme on Juvenile Justice Act, 2000, the Protection of Sexual Offence Act, 2012 and the Domestic violence Act, 2005 in collaboration with the Meghalaya State Commission for Women and the District Administration, South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat.



## TRAINING ON CHILD RIGHTS ISSUES



The Chairperson took part in the Training on Child Rights Issues on October 30<sup>th</sup> 2014 at Agartala. The programme was organised by the Tripura State Commission for Protection of Child Rights in collaboration with NCPCR and the Department of Social Welfare and Social Education, Government of Tripura. As part of the training, the participants also visited the State's Children Home.

## ASSAM CHILD PROTECTION DAY

The Chairperson attended the Assam Child Protection Day at Guwahati, Assam on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 where interactive sessions were held between 24 States from all over the country. During the sessions, the participants shared learning and good practices by State Commissions; addressed gaps and challenges observed by the SCPCRs in implementation of key Child Protection issues related to policies and schemes and the way ahead.

## STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP ON POCSO ACT, 2012

One-Day State Level workshop on POCSO Act, 2012 and the RTE Act, 2009 was organized by the State Commission in collaboration with the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, New Delhi where all the concerned Departments and NGOs participated. The programme was held at the Yojana Bhavan, Meghalaya Secretariat, Shillong.

## ANNUAL INCOME EXPENDITURE

**Office of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights**  
Lower Lachumiere, Meghalaya , Shillong - 793001

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Sanctioned Vide No:

Sl. No	Income	Amount	Expenditure
1(A)	Receipt from NEFT NCPCR for Conducting Workshop on 23 <sup>rd</sup> /02/2015	Rs. 1,82,400/-	Rs. 87,487/-  Refunded to NCPCR Vide Cheque No "000053" Dated 7/4/2015, Rs. 94,913/-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs. 1,82,400/-</b>	<b>Rs. 1,82,400/-</b>
<b>Receipt as per Bank Statement</b>			
2(B)	Interest accrued from HDFC Bank as on 30/9/14 = Rs. 8,582/- 31/3/15 = Rs. 7,453/- 30/9/15 = Rs. 2,425/-	Rs. 18,460/-	Rs. 18,460/-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs. 18,460/-</b>	<b>18,460/-</b>
	<b>Grand Total A+B</b>	<b>Rs. 2,00,860/-</b>	Rs. 1,05,947/- <u>Refunded Rs. 94,913/-</u> <b>Rs. 2,00,860/-</b>

Certified that the above Income & Expenditure, has been checked and verified by me, and found correct.

Sd/-  
Smt. M. Kharkongor  
Chairperson  
SCPCR



# STATEMENT SHOWING THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE RECEIPT INCOME EXPENDITURE

**Office of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights**  
Lower Lachumiere, Meghalaya , Shillong - 793001

Ref: No. MSCP(CR)

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/2016

Statement Showing the Annual Report on the Receipt/Income Expenditure on the Recurring Fund & Non Recurring Fund in respect of the Office of the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, during the year 2014-15

Sanction Vid No. SW(S)6/2014/22

Dated 31.03.2014

## “A” RECURRING

Sl no.	RECEIPT	Amount	Expenditure
1.	Salary of Chairperson	Rs. 60,000/-	Rs. 60,000/-
2.	Sitting Allowance	Rs. 2,00,000/-	Rs. 1,87,802/-
3.	Salary of Staff	Rs. 1,32,000/-	Rs. 1,31,910/-
4.	House Rent Charges of Office Accomodation	Rs. 1,92,000/-	Rs. 1,91,207/-
5.	Office Expenses	Rs. 1,00,000/-	Rs. 1,00,000/-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs. 6,84,000/-</b>	<b>Rs. 6,70,919/-</b>

## “B” NON- RECURRING

Sl no.	RECEIPT	Amount	Expenditure
1.	Purchase of Office Furniture Computer & Xerox Machine including Accessories	Rs. 3,16,000/-	A) Rs. 3,14,695/- Furniture, Computer & Xerox Machine  B) Rs. 1,305/- Accessories
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>Rs. 10,00,000/-</b>	<b>Rs. 3,16,000/-</b>

Certified that the amount has been fully utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned and also the above expenditure has been check, verified by me, and found correct.

Sd/-  
(Smt. M. Kharkongor)  
Chairperson  
SCPCR


# ACTIVITIES of MSCPCR









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