

WEST BENGAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

File No.723/WBHRC/Com/2012-2013

P r e s e n t

1. Mr. Justice Asok Kumar Ganguly - Chairperson
2. Mr. Justice N.C. Sil - Member
3. Mr. S.N. Roy - Member

Justice Asok Kumar Ganguly, Chairperson of the Commission inspected the S.M.M. Home, Liluah on 4th July, 2012 and Shri S.N. Roy, Member inspected Sukanya Home, Salt Lake on 27th June, 2012.

2. The Commission considered the two inspection reports of the Chairperson and the Member. After thorough discussion, the following recommendations are made :-

In respect of S.M.M. Home, Liluah :

a) The food entitlement of Rs.750/- is not at all adequate. The break up of expenses shows that an amount of Rs.310/- is spent towards transportation, miscellaneous and contingency. The said amount of Rs.310/-

is more than 40% of Rs.750/- which is the total amount spent per inmate per month for food. The food entitlement of Rs.750/- is obviously not at all adequate and needs to be augmented immediately. Since I.C.P.S. (Integrated Child Protection Scheme) is a centrally sponsored scheme, concurrence from Govt. of India may be necessary. Secretary, Women & Child Development and Social Welfare Department, Govt. of West Bengal may take up the matter with Govt. of India on an urgent basis and try to increase the food entitlement per inmate per month. Pending such concurrence by Govt. of India, the State Government may also explore the possibility of providing an increased amount of food allowance per inmate per month by augmenting the State share of funds on an ad hoc basis.

b) Department of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare in consultation with the Department of School Education should make adequate infrastructure for establishing a school upto Class – VIII in the Home and also to arrange for recognition of the said school.

c) Department of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare should move the Sports Department for granting necessary assistance so as to enable the students to participate in Black Belt Karate competition.

In respect of Sukanya Home, Salt Lake :

- a) The food allowance of Rs.750/- per inmate per month is not adequate and needs to be augmented immediately.
- b) Three Guarding staff preferably male are required immediately for guarding the main entrance of the Home.
- c) One lady Doctor with a full time Nurse and one lady Counsellor for the inmates are necessary.
- d) The post of teacher for vocational training is vacant and requires to be filled up immediately.
- e) The top floor of one of the wings of the Home is damaged and for which an estimate of Rs.24,46,669/- has already been prepared by PWD Deptt. and submitted to the Women and Child Development, Social Welfare Department. The estimate needs to be sanctioned expeditiously so that the repair work can be undertaken as early as possible.

General :

- 3. The Commission recommends that each Home under the control of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare Department and other Homes run by the N.G.O.s receiving assistance from the State Government should be visited regularly by one senior officer of the Directorate at least once in three months and detailed inspection reports should be prepared and

remedial measures to ameliorate the conditions of the Homes should be monitored under the overall guidance and direction by the Department of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare. A suitable inspection manual in this regard may also be prescribed by the Department.

4. The Government should intimate the Commission about the action taken or proposed to be taken on the recommendations within a period of two months from the date of communication.

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(**S.N. Roy**)
Member

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(**Justice N.C. Sil**)
Member

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(**Asok Kumar Ganguly**)
Chairperson

Dated : Kolkata, 24th July, 2012

Comments of the State Government will be uploaded as and when received.

Sd/- (24/07/2012)
(J.Sundara Sekhar)
Secretary & CEO