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ਵਿਸ਼ਾ:-

ਸਕੂਲਾਂ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਡਰਾਪ ਆਊਟ ਬੱਚਿਆ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧੀ।

ਹਵਾਲਾ:-

ਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਫਾਰ ਪ੍ਰੋਟੇਕਸ਼ਨ ਆਫ ਚਾਈਲਡ ਚਾਈਟਸ ਨਵੀ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ:

2603/25/2023/NCPCR/POCO-CM ਮਿਤੀ: 12.01.2023 ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧੀ

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮਿਤੀ: 22.04.2023 ਨੂੰ ਅਕਸ਼ੇ ਤ੍ਰਿਤੀਆ / ਅਖਾ ਤੀਜ ਦਾ ਤਿਉਹਾਰ ਮਨਾਇਆ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਿ ਸ਼ਮੂਹਿਕ ਬਾਲ ਵਿਆਹ ਹੋਣ ਦਾ ਖਦਸ਼ਾ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਨੂੰ ਰੋਕਣ ਲਈ ਮਾਣਯੋਗ ਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਫਾਰ ਪ੍ਰੋਟੇਕਸ਼ਨ ਆਫ ਚਾਈਲਡ ਰਾਈਟਸ ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਦੀਆਂ ਹਦਾਇਤਾਂ ਦੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਆਉਂਦੇ ਸਕੂਲਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਾਲ 2022- 2023 ਡਰਾਪ ਆਊਟ ਹੋਏ ਬੱਚਿਆ ਦਾ ਡਾਟਾ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੁਣ ਦਿਨ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ - ਅੰਦਰ ਭੋਜਣ ਦੀ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾਲਤਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਂ ਜੀ।

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F. No. 2603/25/ 2023/NCPCR/POCO-CM

Date: 12.01.2023

To,

Principal Secretary
Department of WCD, States/ UTs

Subject: Virtual Review Meetings with Child Marriage Prohibition Officers on the issue of solemnization of child marriages on Akshay Tritiya or Akha Teez.

Madam/Sir,

National Commission for Protection of Child rights (NCPCR) 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.

- 2. Child marriage is solemnized from time to time in various rural and tribal belts of the Country but in few communities this has been a practice which is followed in a dedicated manner during some specific time periods of the year. In India, Akshaya Tritiya, also known as Akti or Akha Teej, is an annual spring time festival. Reports through various media sources suggest that a large number of child marriages take place during this period. This year Akshaya Tritiya or Akha Teej will be celebrated on 22nd April, 2023.
- 3. You must be aware that the PCMA 2006 seeks to prevent child marriages by making certain actions punishable and by appointing certain authorities responsible for the prevention and prohibition of child marriages. Section 13 (4) of PCMA, 2006 states that "for the purposes of preventing solemenisation of mass child marriages on certain days such as Akshya Trutiya, the District Magistrate shall be deemed to be the Child Marriage Prohibition Officer".
- 4. The Commission being an apex body for safeguarding Child Rights and in accordance with its functions as mentioned in Section 13 (1) (a) of the CPCR Act 2005 requests you to give **urgent directions** to all District Magistrates or Collectors/ CMPOs of all districts of your State/UT to complete below mentioned activities **before 31**st **January**, 2023 (if not done so far), as a proactive step for prevention of child marriages:
 - i. Undertake awareness programmes at village, panchayat, block, urban/ward, zila tehsil level.
 - ii. Conduct meetings regarding awareness programmes on Child Marriage with CDPOs, CWCs, CWPOs, AWWs, religious priests who may be responsible for performing marriages and service providers during marriage functions such as printing press, tent providers, managers of marriage halls, caterers, music bands and decorators etc.

iii. Prepare a school wise list of children who are drop out, out of school and not attending school regularly.

Share the list of out of school children with WCD department tother relevant stakeholders and also upload the case details on Out of School portal of NCPCR (https://ncpcr.gov.in/oosc/login).

- v. Prepare a school wise list of children absent from school without intimation to the Principal or Head Master of the school in accordance with Rule 2B (2) of Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2017.
- vi. This list must be prepared by Education Department of the district and shared with the DM/CMPO of the district.
- vii. DM/CMPO must identify children from these lists who can be at risk of child marriage. Family counseling and proper inquiry of all such identified children must be ensured to prevent any possible child marriage.

The details of activities, topics to be covered must be followed as given in Annexure I. The same must be filled and submitted on the link i.e. https://ncpcr.gov.in/childmarriage.

- 5. The Commission assumes that all the DMs/CMPOs will undertake the above steps in order to discharge their duties given under the role of a CMPO. Thus, officials may submit a report of these activities conducted in their districts, to this Commission by 31st January 2023:
 - 6. Further, NCPCR in presence of SCPCRs will hold district wise meetings from 31st January 2023 with following officials to review the status of activities conducted by the authorities of each district of the State. The schedule of the meetings which will be held online will be shared in due course.
 - i. Child Marriage Prohibition Officer (not below the rank of ADM)
 - ii. Head of SJPU (not below the rank of DSP/ACP)
 - iii. District Education Officer (DEO)

iv. DPO-ICDS
v. DCPO-ICPS/Mission Vatsalya
vi District Programme CoordinatorSamgra Siksha Abhiyan
vii. CWCs

viii. Labour officer

7. An early response from your side is expected regarding directions issued to all officials to undertake the activities highlighted in para 4,5 & 6 and later providing a consolidated district wise report of the State/ UT as per the given format/ link (https://ncpcr.gov.in/childmarriage) latest by 31st January 2023.

Encl: As above

Yours sincerely.

12.1.2023

(Priyank Kanoongo)