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Let No. <sup>1384</sup>  
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To

The Secretary

Tribal Affairs

Ministry of Tribal Affairs

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New Delhi

Sub: Suspension of funds to Cuttack Zilla Harijan Adivasi Sewa Sanskara Yojana residential school in Kendrapada and action against the office bearers.

Sir

As you may be aware, the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSCPCR) has been constituted under section 17 of the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005. One of the functions of the Commission under section 13 (1) (J) of the Act is to inquire into complaints and take suo motto notice of matters relating to:

- i Deprivation and violation if Child Rights.
- ii Non-implementation of laws providing for protection and development of children; and
- iii Non-compliance of policy decisions, guidelines of instructions aimed at mitigating hardships to and ensuring welfare of the children and to provide relief to such children, or take up the issues arising out of such matters with appropriate authorities.

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On 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014, during my official tour to Kendrapada I made a surprise visit to the above mentioned residential school. As against the official 140 children enrolled I found only 93 children present.

On interacting with children they informed me facts which are disheartening.

It is a matter of grave concern that

- i. Though established since over 10 years the organization has taken no steps to construct toilets for the children. Children cross the gates to go to the open area outside to defecate and pass urine. Same also applies for bath and washing as tube well is outside the premises. This is standard procedure for rainy days and nights too. On enquiring the manager said we provide umbrellas!!
- ii. No women staff stays after school hours. Male teachers sleep and take care of girl children also.
- iii. In the name of nutritious food – water soaked rice and boiled potatoes is given for breakfast, rice and dalma for lunch and dinner. On alternate Sundays, in one meal, either fish or mutton is provided.
- iv. Standards of hygiene are very poor as was evident from the dirty clothes, unkempt hair, dirty hands and legs and general emaciated faces.
- v. No mosquito nets are being provided even though it is a mosquito infested area.
- vi. Children live, eat, sleep and study in a single room, which speaks volumes on the care being provided.
- vii. 4 teachers manage the entire school.
- viii. Huge oil tankers were lying in the school campus which is a safety concern.

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Commission feels the institution has misutilised its funds and not shown any concern for the wellbeing of defenseless children whose care, protection and education it has taken responsibility of. Hence Commission recommends that the

- i. The institution be blacklisted and its grants suspended. The office bearers must be punished severely to set an example that no organization in future will dare to repeat such an act in future.
- ii. Details of all grants they receive from various sources be scrutinized and compared against the facilities being provided to the children under their care over the years.
- iii. All government officials (both central and state government) who have visited the institution for monitoring, evaluation and recommendation be questioned and disciplinary actions be initiated against them.

The Commission awaits an action taken report by 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2014.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sruti Mohapatra)

Chairperson

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Copy To: Chairperson NCPCR, New Delhi for information and action.

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