Minutes of the meeting held in the chamber of Hon'ble the Executive Chairman, JHALSA on implementing minimum standard of care and protection

in Juvenile justice institutions Date: 21 April 2015

Chaired by: Hon'ble Justice D. N. Patel

Present:

- 1. Ms Mridula Sinha, PS DSW WCD GOJ
- 2. Ms Sampat Meena, IG Organised Crime
- 3. Mr S. K. Dubey Member Secretary JHALSA
- 4. Mr Manoj Srivastava, Secretary HCLSC
- 5. Ms Priti Srivastava, Child Protection Officer, UNICEF Jharkhand
- 6. Mr Santosh Kumar, Deputy Secretary JHALSA
- 7. Mr Niraj Sinha, Consultant JSCPS

Meeting took place in very congenial atmosphere and needful steps were resolved to be taken on following matters:

- To establish government run Homes in East Sinhbhum and Ranchi as model homes and to ensure it complies minimum standards of care and protection as laid down under JJ Rules.
- 2) To take up Home in Deoghar to be developed as model home in the next phase.
- 3) To ensure following arrangements in the proposed model homes:
 - a) To establish video conferencing facility in the two Homes by DSW
 - b) To establish sick room with First-Aid facilities, library with Magazines and recreation room with games etc
 - c) Children residing in Homes can be taken for exposure visit/picnic/recreation and learning tour
 - d) To establish counselling rooms in the premise of the Home where services of trained counsellor will be used to provide counselling services to children and also their family. There will be a family outreach program as well. This component will be supported by UNICEF and an MOU can be signed between DSW and RINPAS to provide services of the counsellors in the Homes. This can be extended to all government run Homes.
 - e) Generator to be purchased for Homes. Letter to be sent to Pr. Secretary, Deptt. Of social welfare to provide genset/ digiset to the Homes.

- f) Vocational training to be regularized in the Homes with support of Jan Sikshan Sansthan. DSW will initiate the process of institutionalizing this. The agency will initiate vocational training after conducting a need assessment and market feasibility test and also ensure backward and forward linkages to help the older children residing in the Homes to find an appropriate income generating option for their economic and social rehabilitation.
- g) JJB in East Sinhbhum to be made functional by speeding up the selection process of the Members, JJB.
- 4) Registration of Homes under JJ act must be completed in a time bound manner. Of 57 applications received, 15 CCI run by NGOs have been found fit to be issued the license. The process of licensing must be completed within one month.
- 5) The CCI run by government must also be registered under JJ Act. Needful process must be initiated by the DSW as soon as possible.
- Recruitment of staff in government run Homes must be completed by December this year.
- 7) Vocational training through Jan Sikshan Sansthan and State skill development agency can be arranged by the Deptt. Of Social Welfare.
- 8) Age memo and SBR to be introduced by police department.
- 9) Police must also ensure that children are produced before the JJB directly.
- 10)Two Aftercare Homes, one in Ranchi and one in Dumka have to be operationalized, in a time bound manner by DSW
- 11)Two Observation Homes one in Palamu and other in Sahebganj to be operationalized by DSW in time bound manner.
- 12)Engagement with health department to institutionalize arrangement to provide adequate medical and psychiatric support to children residing in government run Homes. Also to sort out issues related to medical examination of victim and age determination. This can be taken up by the High court Committee on Juvenile Justice.
- 13)Child protection policy for CCIs must be developed and shared with all CCI and must be mandated by DSW. UNICEF will support drafting the policy.
- 14)Infrastructural support including computer, internet facility etc to CWC must be provided by DSW so that they can function in a more professional manner.

- 15)Orientation of DJs and CJMs/magistrates on JJ act, rules and POCSO will be organized on 16/17 May. This will be organized by Jharkhand High Court and JHALSA in collaboration with DSW and UNICEF. Hon'ble Justice M. B. Lokur may be invited for this program. We may demonstrate some of the good initiatives undertaken in Jharkhand. One of such is visit to a Child Friendly police station which is implementing the provisions under JJ Act from the perspective of role of police.
- 16)Training of CWC and JJB can be taken up by JHALSA. Two days training of CWC and two days training of JJB members will be organized in June by JHALSA in collaboration with DSW, JSCPS and UNICEF.
- 17)Atleast one place of safety for boys and girls each to be established by DSW in one of the Observation Home with separate entry and exit.
- 18)Possibility of establishing Center for children and law in National Law University, Ranchi can be explored. UNICEF willing to support establishment of this center.
- 19)PS DSW to make key announcements regarding the action taken by the department to improve the lives of children residing in the institutions and IG CID to prepare a presentation of CFPS on 25thApril.
- 20)NALSA has given 15 lakhs rupees to JHALSA for Multi- Utility Van and amount may be utilized for purchasing two vehicles for Homes with prior permission from Hon'ble the Executive Chairman NALSA, earmarked to be utilized for taking the children of Homes under the J.J.Act to the school or extra curricular activities or imparting life-skill training.
- 21)Two Old cars bearing reg.no. JH01 P- 1666 and JH01 P- 3000 lying unused with Hon'ble the Executive Chairman ,JHALSA and Hon'ble Chairman, HCLSC may be handed over to Homes of Ranchi and Jamshedpur established under the J.J.Act through the Social Welfare Deptt.

Meeting ended with thanks to the Hon'ble the Executive Chairman, JHALSA.

Member Secretary JHALSA