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Roles and responsibilities of POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) Division

The following are the roles and responsibilities of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Division of the Commission:

1. It's the responsibility of POCSO division in the Commission to collect the information/data on its own or from the relevant agencies regarding reported cases under POCSO and their disposal under the process establish under the Act including information of the following:-
 - (i) Number and details of the offences reported under the act
 - (ii) Whether the procedures prescribed under the act and rules were followed, including those regarding time frames.
 - (iii) Details of arrangements of care and protection of victims of offences under this act, including arrangements for emergency medical care and medical examination; and
 - (iv) Details regarding the assessment of the need for care and protection of a child by the concerned CWC in any specific case.
2. The POCSO Division in Commission shall have the power to forward any

case to a Magistrate having jurisdiction to try the case and the Magistrate to whom any such case is forwarded shall proceed to hear the complaint against the accused as if the case has been forwarded to him under section 346 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974).

3. (i) To create public awareness about the POCSO Act through workshops, seminars, and advertisements through print media including television and radio at regular intervals.
 - ii) To organize programme, workshops, seminars and conduct documentation to understand the issue of gender and sexuality.
 - iii) To arrange Community programmes to make aware about the provision of this Act amongst stakeholders like Teachers, Principal, Non-Education Staff, Doctors, Police / SJPU, Child Line, Public Prosecutors, NGO's & Children as well as parents & guardians to make them aware about the safety of their children.
 - (iv) To create awareness about the reporting medium like POCSO E-Box and Mobile App (Meri Awaaz) and ChildLine Number 1098.
4. To take cognizance on the complaints received through email, social media/WhatsApp/print media and to take Suo moto cognizance of any complaint related to Sexual Abuse, Physical harassment, emotional abuse.
5. (i) To monitor whether Delhi Police has constituted SJPU in each District and it is headed by Police Officers, not below the Rank Deputy Supt. of Police consisting of All Child Welfare Officer and two Social Workers of whom one shall be a woman.
 - (ii) To monitor each police station whether it has one officer not below the rank of assistant sub-inspector designated as Child Welfare Police Officer

(CWPO) exclusively for children.

(iii) To ensure the mandate under section 19 (6) POCSO Act is upheld wherein the local police or the SJPU should report to the CWC within 24 hours from receiving information and should also indicate to the concerned authority if the child is in need of care and protection and steps taken in this regard for the CWC to take necessary action in providing the child with rehabilitation.

6. As per Rule no. 6(1) of the POSCO Rules 2012 Member shall perform the following functions for the implementation of provisions of the POCSO Act

(i) To monitor the designation of special court by the state government

(ii) To monitor the appointment of State Prosecutor by the State government.

(iii) To monitor the formulation and implementation of guidelines under section 39 of the Act by the state governments

(iv) To monitor the designing and implementation of modules for training police personnel and other concerned persons for the effective discharge of their functions under the Act.

(v) To monitor and support the state governments for the dissemination of information relating to the Act through print, electronic and other media

(vi) To ensure compliance with any of the related law that the legislature may enact from time to time

7. To monitor whether the compensation awarded by the Special Court is to paid by the State Government from the Victims Compensation Fund or other scheme or fund established by it for the purpose of compensating and rehabilitating victims under section 357A of the Code of Criminal Procedure or any other laws for the time being in force, or, where such fund or scheme

does not exist, by the State Government.

8. The State Government and also to monitor shall pay the compensations ordered by the Special Court within 30 days of receipt of such order.
9. To ensure that child get proper counselling from the counsellor appointed by CWC counsellor appointed by the Support person. The commission can arrange for individual or group counselling for Community also.
10. To ensure whether the DCPU of each district has maintained a register d containing contact details of interrupters, translators and special educator in their till district under Rule 3 (1) POCSO Act and should share the same SJPU Local police, Magistrate and Special Court to enable them to make available such services as and when required.
11. To ensure that stakeholders who are in touch with children directly or indirectly like Teachers, Administrative Staff, Child Line, NGO'S, CWC' s, Police, Hospitals, Special Courts, CCIs, Public Prosecutors shall adopt child-friendly atmosphere during the complete procedure from DD entry / FIR in Police Station to till the end of the process.
12. To promote the research studies documents, publications and undertake periodical review of existing policies programme and other activities of child rights and make recommendations for their effective implementation in the field of child rights. So that literacy can spread amongst various sections of the society and awareness can be promoted for the safeguards available for Protection for these rights and we can ensure the welfare of the children in the best way.

13. To create/prepare the data in respect of cases received/disposed off in the Commission, so that it could be sent/submitted to the state government.
14. To support a state so that it can create more opportunities for children so that they can grow mentally, emotionally and physically.
15. Any other function that the commission may arrange.