



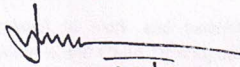
**Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir
Social Welfare Department
Civil Secretariat, J&K**

No. SWD-NCPC/01/2023
Dated: 09/02/2023

Subject:- Regarding-signing of MOU's by UNICEF with States without approval of CPAP".

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of D.O letter No.1/Misc/SP/NCPCR/2022/DD-787 dated 07.12.2022, received from National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) to Financial Commissioner/Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Commissioner Secretary/Administrative Secretary All Departments regarding the subject cited above wherein it has been informed that there are complaints against UNICEF and their staff and also NCPCR has desired not to sign any MoU with UNICEF-India until the CPAP is approved and signed by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

It is requested to kindly take note of the instructions of the NCPCR and proceed accordingly.


(Sanjay Pandita) 09/02/2023
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To,
Principal Secretaries of WCD of all States/UTs

Subject: "Regarding- Signing of MOU's by UNICEF with States without approval of CPAP"

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) is a statutory body constituted under Section 3 of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 to protect the child rights and other related matters in the Country. The Commission is further mandated to monitor the proper and effective implementation of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012; Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Right to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009. In one of the functions laid down under Section 13 of the CPCR Act, 2005, the Commission has been assigned the function of inquiring into complaints and to take suo-moto notice of matters related to deprivation and violation of child rights in the country.

2. This is with reference to the different collaborations and activities being undertaken by UNICEF with State Governments. In this regard, NCPCR would like to inform that there have been several complaints made to NCPCR wherein it has been stated that UNICEF in India is involved in different collaboration and activities which has sometimes been observed to be out of the purview of UNICEF. Further, it has also been stated that representatives of UNICEF and UNICEF staff is involved in party partisan and political activities of the country. Keeping in view of these serious allegations, NCPCR has sought information regarding all work being done by it with the Government of India or States or other authorities in India and share list of its partner NGO's along with a report of all the work done by them in past 5 years.

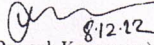
3. UNICEF-India being an international organization is mandated to work and undertake activities in India through the consent and approval of Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. UNICEF-India signs a Country Programme Action Plan (CPAP) with Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India for a duration of 05 years which was last signed in the year 2017 with UNICEF and the same is due to be renewed now. UNICEF-India is mandated to work in India under the purview of the CPAP signed with the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India.

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4. NCPCR has been made aware of instances where the State Governments are indulging in signing of MoUs with UNICEF-India for various works and activities in the State, even though the signing of CPAP between UNICEF-India and Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India has not been concluded yet. The NCPCR requests your good offices to take note of this fact and to not sign MOU with UNICEF-India until the CPAP is approved and signed by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

Yours sincerely,


(Priyank Kanoongo)