

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights

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In News

The National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) was set up in March 2007 under the **Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005** and is under the **administrative control of the Ministry of Women & Child Development**. The Commission's Mandate is to ensure that all laws, policies, programmes, and administrative mechanisms are in consonance with the child rights perspective as enshrined in the **Constitution of India and also the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child**.

Features of the Commission

- Under the NCPCR the child is defined as a person in the **0 to 18 years age group**.
- The Commission visualizes a **rights-based perspective** flowing into national policies and programmes, along with nuanced responses at the state, district and block levels, **taking care of specificity and strengths of each region**.

Functions of the Commission

- **Examine and review the safeguards** provided by or under any law for the time being in force for the protection of child rights and recommend measures for their effective implementation
- Present to be central government, annually and at such other intervals, as the commission may deem fit, **reports upon working of those safeguards**
- **Inquire into violation** of child rights and recommend initiation of proceedings in such cases

- **Examine all factors that inhibit the enjoyment of rights of children** affected by terrorism, communal violence, riots, natural disaster, domestic violence, HIV/ AIDS, trafficking, maltreatment, torture and exploitation, pornography and prostitution and recommend appropriate remedial measures
- Look into the **matters relating to the children in need of special care and protection, including children in distress, marginalized and disadvantaged children, children in conflict with law, juvenile children without family and children of prisoners** and recommend appropriate remedial measures
- **Study treaties and other international instruments** and undertake periodical review of existing policies and make recommendations for their effective implementation
- **Inspect or cause to be inspected** any juvenile custodial home, or any other place of residence or institution meant for children and where children are detained or lodged for the purpose of treatment, reformation or protection, take up with these authorities for remedial action.
- The Commission **shall not enquire into any matter which is pending before** a State Commission or any other Commission duly constituted under any law for the time being in force.