

COMBATING TRAFFICKING

State Level Coordination Committee Meeting
Chaired by Chief Secretary

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INTRODUCTION

- Trafficking of women & children for the purpose of sexual exploitation has assumed alarming proportions in recent years
- Trafficking is prevalent at various levels: Local, Inter-District, Inter-State and Cross-Border
- Out of 47,343 women rescued in the country under ITPA during 2012, 4384 (i.e.,9.26 %) belonged to Andhra Pradesh
- The available data indicates that nearly 50% of the victims belong to SC and up to 30% belong to BCs



INTRODUCTION (contd..)

❑ Factors Contributing to Trafficking

- Poverty, Illiteracy and lack of awareness, Gender Discrimination, Domestic violence, Dysfunctional families, Migration, Natural Calamities, Influence of electronic media, Modern lifestyle etc.

❑ Trafficking results in

- Violation of Human rights leading to serious, life-long physical, psychological & moral consequences for the victims
- About 60-70% victims suffer from more than one disease including sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS



STATE POLICY FOR COMBATING TRAFFICKING

- State has the unique distinction of developing a “Comprehensive State Policy for Combating Trafficking”
- The Policy covers:
 - **Prevention of trafficking**
 - **Rescue**
 - **Rehabilitation & Relief**
- The Policy envisages Institutional Mechanisms at State and District Levels
 - **State Level Coordination Committee chaired by Chief Secretary**
 - **District Level Coordination Committee chaired by District Collector**



ACTION TAKEN REPORT FOR THE LAST SLCC MEETING

Agenda Item

Action Taken

➤ Amendments to the ITP Act and Rules to suit the present situation

- Home Department has prepared the proposed amendments to ITPA, 1956
- The proposed amendments are covered under POCSO & Criminal Amendment Law

➤ Holding trainings of functionaries of various departments with CWC and JJB members

- Trainings of Anti Human Trafficking were conducted at APPA and sensitized Police Officers on this issue

➤ Take up with the Registrar, High Court to entrust a single court in Hyderabad with the trafficking cases, on par with DV cases

- The Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Hyderabad has informed that as per the directions of the Hon'ble High Court, 441 cases of ITPA, pending in 17 Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Courts have been transferred to the Court of Special JFCM



ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF THE LAST SLCC MEETING (contd..)

Agenda Item	Action Taken
<p>➤ Home Department with CID shall revise performance appraisal reports of SIs, CIs & other officers to capture their contribution on women & child concerns including Anti Human Trafficking</p>	<p>▪ The efforts made by the SIs, CIs & other officers in protecting Children & Women & in trafficking issues are being taken into consideration by higher officials while making comments in the ACRs</p>
<p>➤ The ADGP, CID shall create a new head of account i.e. “Victim witness protection fund” and provide funds for pre-rescue and rescue operations and victims witness support</p>	<p>▪ G.O.Ms.No.28 Dept of WD, CW & DW, dt.13.6.11 provides Rs.20,000/- as immediate relief to a rescued victim of commercial sexual exploitation</p>
<p>➤ The ADGP, CID proposed to out-source 29 counselors in 29 women police stations across the State</p>	<p>▪ 29 Home Guards are working as counselors at 29 Women Police Stations across the State</p>



PREVENTION – Dept. of Women Development

❑ **Activating Community Vigilant Groups**

- Restructuring and strengthening of 31,465 Community Vigilant Groups (CVGs) in trafficking prone districts by the Project Directors

❑ **Organization of Awareness Programmes and Campaigns**

- With the help of NGOs, Adolescent girls and Community Vigilant Groups
- Campaign at State/ District/ Mandal/ Village levels during Mahila Sisu Chaitanyam, an IEC campaign during 2012-13
- Outdoor campaign through hoardings & buses in 2014
- Campaign through Kalajathas planned for February 2014
- Campaign during Child Rights Convention Week/ Girl Child Week/ Women's Day Celebrations etc.



PREVENTION – Empowerment of Adolescent Girls

- **SABLA Scheme being implemented in seven districts since 2011-12**
 - Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam, West Godavari, Anantapur, Chittoor, Mahabubnagar and Adilabad
 - Scheme provides Supplementary Nutrition, IFA tablets, Life Skill Education, Vocational Trainings
 - 6,57,879 Adolescent Girls are being covered under the scheme
 - 26,311 Kishori Samoochas have been formed and are trained
 - 26,618 Sakhi / Sahelis have been trained on various issues
- **Similar mobilization of Adolescent Girls in other districts under Kishori Shakthi Yojana (KSY)**
 - 56,586 Kishori Samoochas have been formed in the 16 KSY districts
- **73764 Adolescent girls have been imparted vocational training**



RESCUE - ACTION TAKEN BY HOME DEPARTMENT

❑ Setting up of Anti Human Trafficking Units

- In 2007 three AHTUs were setup under UNODC at Eluru (now at Rajahmundry), Ananthapur(Kadiri) and Women Protection Cell, CID, Hyderabad
- In 2010-11 five more AHTUs were setup at Guntur, Anantapur, Karimnagar, Eluru and WPC, CID(at Hyderabad) with funds from MHA
- The designated NGOs are associated with the AHTU as active partners
- Five more AHTUs have been sanctioned and will be started shortly

❑ Rescue by CID along with Staff of concerned PS, ICDS and Prajwala NGO

September, 2012 : Rescued 10 victims i.e., four from A.P. and six from West Bengal
Also arrested three persons accused in the case

December, 2012 : Rescued one victim girl aged 16 years from Delhi

January, 2014 : Rescued 8 minors and 29 women victims and arrested 10 traffickers in Pune city, Maharashtra. Of them 4 women belonged to AP



SUPPORT REQUIRED FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Each Police Station should maintain the list of traffickers along with their photographs and complete history and issue lookout notices for conviction and award of punishment
- The cases booked against the traffickers must be pursued to ensure stringent punishment
- Keep constant watch on the activities of trafficking
- Network of the traffickers needs to be tracked through proper intelligence gathering
- The anti trafficking squad may be instructed to identify the areas where such activities are more prevalent and take preventive measures besides conducting raids



SUPPORT REQUIRED FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT (contd..)

- Quarterly information to be provided quarterly regarding action taken by AHTUs and progress of cases under Trial
- Participation in CVGs and follow up on their reports
- Adequate protection to be provided to the Ujwala Home run by NGOs
- Follow up in cases where women are taken away from Protective Homes
- Effective functioning of Women Help Line - **1091**
- Timely repatriation/ reintegration of the victims of other States/ Country to their parent State/ Country



REHABILITATION & RELIEF

❑ UJWALA Homes

- 6 Ujwala Homes are functioning in the State
- Four New Homes sanctioned by GOI during November - December 2013
- State Level Monitoring Committee constituted to monitor implementation of Swadhar &Ujwala

❑ SWADHAR Homes

- 19 Homes are being run by NGO's with GOI funding
- The strength of each Home is ranging from 50 – 200



REHABILITATION & RELIEF (contd..)

❑ Achievements from 2010-11 to 2013-14:

- 3875 rescued victims of trafficking have been given shelter in Swadhar & Ujwala Homes
- 1824 have received vocational training (ANM, Nursing, Soft Toy making, Computer Courses etc.,)
- 560 women were placed in jobs (Data entry operators, Sales Girls, Nurses, Attenders etc.,)
- 836 started self employment activities (Tailoring, Catering, Handy Crafts, Embroidery etc.,
- 257 benefited with marketing facility (Soft toys, Hand Bags, Purses)
- 429 have been provided support for formal education
- 13 have been admitted in Durgabai Deshmukh Women Technical Training Institute, Hyderabad



REHABILITATION & RELIEF (contd..)

Financial relief provided to Trafficked Victims

Year	No. of Victims of Trafficking	Amount Paid (Rs. In Lakhs)
2010-11	123	12.30
2011-12	105	10.50
2012-13	180	18.00
2013-14	161	26.00
Total	569	66.80



MEETINGS OF THE DLCCS

S. No.	Name of the District	2012-13	2013-14
1	SRIKAKULAM	1	1
2	VIZIANAGARAM	2	----
3	VISAKHAPATNAM	1	1
4	WEST GODAVARI	1	1
5	EAST GODAVARI	---	---
6	KRISHNA	Monthly Review of all atrocity cases by the Dist. Collector between 5 th -9 th	
7	GUNTUR	2	2
8	NELLORE	2	1
9	PRAKASHAM	---	1
10	KADAPA	1	File under process
11	KURNOOL	2	2



MEETINGS OF THE DLCCS (contd..)

S.No.	Name of the District	2012-13	2013-14
12	ANANTHAPUR	1	---
13	CHITTOOR	2	2
14	ADILABAD	---	----
15	WARANGAL	1	-----
16	KARIMNAGAR	1	3
17	KHAMMAM	3	3
18	NIZAMABAD	1	1
19	MAHABOOB NAGAR	2	----
20	NALGONDA	---	1
21	MEDAK	1	1
22	HYDERABAD	1	2
23	RANGA REDDY	1	1



SUPPORT REQUIRED FROM LINE DEPARTMENTS

- Free Legal Aid to Victims
- Vocational Training
 - Utilization of funds available with various departments using ongoing programs/schemes
- Self-Employment
 - Recently funds are made available as per G.O.Ms. No. 101, Social Welfare (SCP-I) Dept. dt. 31.12.1014
 - Funds to be made available regularly to Women Finance Cooperation
- Facilitating Placements in private companies
 - Linkage with RYK
- Periodic visits by Government Medical Officers to the Ujwala / Swadhar /Protective Homes
- Issuance of Aadhar Cards, Ration cards, Voter Identity Card and sanction of pensions to Sex workers





NIRBHAYA ACT

THE CRIMINAL LAW (AMENDMENT) ACT-2013

- Enacted on 2nd April 2013**

- Brought in amendments in the**
 - **Indian Penal Code**
 - **Code of Criminal Procedure,1973**
 - **Indian Evidence Act,1872**
 - **Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012**



THE CRIMINAL LAW (AMENDMENT) ACT-2013 (contd..)

❑ Amendments to the Indian Penal Code

Crime	Punishments
Acid Attacks, attempt to Acid - Attack	Imprisonment not less than 10 years / for life and fine (Sec.100, 326 A & B)
Sexual harassment	Imprisonment for 3 – 7 years with fine (Sec.354A –D)
Trafficking of persons & minors	Imprisonment not less than 7 years to 14 years / Imprisonment up to end of natural life & with fine. (Sec. 370, 370-A)
Punishments included for Public servant disobeying direction	Imprisonment for minimum 6 months which may extend to 2 year with fine (Sec.166-A &B)
Rape, Gang Rape etc.,	Rigorous Imprisonment not less than 7 years to 20 / imprisonment up to the end of natural life and with fine. (Sec.376, 376-A to E)



THE CRIMINAL LAW (AMENDMENT) ACT-2013 (contd..)

□ NEW SECTIONS INSERTED IN INDIAN EVIDENCE ACT 1872

- In prosecution for an offence under section 354,354A,354B,354 C,354 D, 376,376 A,376 B, 376 C,376 D,376 E of IPC , evidence of character of the victim or of such persons pervious sexual experiences with any person shall not be relevant (Sec. 53A)
- A witness who is unable to speak may give his evidence in any other manner in writing or signs but such writings must be written in the open court and the evidence is deemed to be oral evidence. If the witness is unable to communicate verbally the court shall take the assistance of interpreter and it should be videographed (Sec. 119 A)
- In prosecution for an offence under section 376,376 A, 376 B,376 C,376 D,376 E of IPC , shall not be permissible to adduce evidence / put questions in the cross examination of the victim as to the general immoral character (Sec. 146)



THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT WORK PLACE

(PREVENTION AND PROHIBITION AND REDRESSAL) ACT,2013

- ❑ Act enacted on 22nd April, 2013 and rules notified on 9th December, 2013
- ❑ Provides protection against sexual harassment of women at workplace and redressal of complaints of sexual harassment
- ❑ Constitution of Internal Complaints Committee
 - Every employer of work place shall constitute a committee consisting of a presiding officer (Woman), two or more members from employees & one member from NGO
 - At least one – half of the committee members shall be women
 - Tenure of the committee is three years
- ❑ Constitution of Local Complaints Committee
 - A “Local Complaints Committee” to be constituted at the district level for complaints from establishments with less than ten workers
 - The District Collector to designated as Nodal Officer in every Mandal / Ward to receive complaints and forward to Local Complaints Committee within seven days
 - The Local Complaints Committee consists of a Chairperson (an eminent woman committed to the cause of woman), one member from the women working in Mandal/ Ward, two NGO representatives of whom at least one must be a woman
- ❑ Complaints
 - A written complaint to be given within a period of 3 months from the date of incident



MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

- Identify vulnerable areas like IT offices having night shifts, Universities etc. and arrange police patrolling at reasonable intervals to make them safe for women & students
- Renewal of Beat Police will help prevent crime against women
- Recruitment of women in Police Force
- Effective functioning of Women Helpline
- Installation of Cameras at public places
- Adequate lighting in public places and other isolated locations
- Public Transport facilities in the evening and late hours for students and working women
- Exclusive public transport for women during peak hours
- Sensitization of Self Help Groups and Community
- Exclusive Mahila Courts for women who are victims of Atrocities



GENDER BUDGETING

❑ Guidelines for Institutionalizing Gender Budgeting (GB)

- Issue a formal Notification regarding adoption of GB by all the Departments
- A similar notification may be issued to Municipal Bodies and Zilla Panchayats
- Setup high powered committee/ Taskforce on GB in the state with the representation of Finance
- A nodal department on GB, preferably the state Finance / Planning OR WCD Dept may also be designated
- All Departments should set up GB Cells

❑ Gender Budget Statement

- All departments to prepare Gender Budget Statement (GBS) as prescribed



Let us

PROTECT!
ALL WOMEN

Through...

Education

Training



Livelihood

Empowerment



Thank you

