

**MINUTES OF 145TH MEETING OF PAB HELD ON 19.04.2010 TO DISCUSS THE
PROPOSAL OF NCPCR FOR 2010-11**

The 145th meeting of PAB was held on 19.04.2010 under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Anshu Vaish, Secretary (SE&L) to discuss, inter-alia, the proposal of NCPCR for the year 2010-11. A list of persons who participated in the meeting is enclosed.

2. With the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Bill becoming law, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), has been designated as the monitoring authority for the RTE Act. While MHRD is the key implementing agency for the entitlements under the RTE, the NCPCR has been assigned the mandate to review and assess the implementation of safeguards and rights of children embedded in the RTE. Thus, NCPCR has been mandated to:

- “Examine and review the safeguards for rights provided by or under this Act and recommend measures for their effective implementation 31[1(a)]
- Inquire into complaints relating to child’s right to free and compulsory education 31[1(b)]
- Take necessary steps as provided under sections 15 and 24 of the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act 31 [1(c)].”

3. Ms. Kiran Bhatta of NCPCR made a presentation before PAB meeting highlighting the under-mentioned salient features of the proposal for financial assistance from MHRD during 2010-11:-

- (i) Establishment of a cell within the NCPCR dedicated to monitoring the RTE with two Project Coordinators, six Project Officers, six Programme Assistants, one Accounts Officer, one administrative officer, two administrative assistants, two Data Entry Operators, three Data Entry Operators for Call Centers.
- (ii) Establishment of institutional and other arrangements at the state and sub-state level.
- (iii) Strengthening the complaints re-dressal mechanism and monitoring of children’s right to education;

- (iv) Establishment of the modalities of a working relationship with MHRD /TSG, Ed.CIL as well as with the National Advisory Council envisaged under the Act.
- (v) Training of 250 panchayats in the country;

4. The details of the outlay sought by NCPCR are given below:-

S.No.	Activity	Budget (Rs. In lakh)
1.	Consultancy fee to the staff members as at para 3(i) above	78.54
2.	TA/DA, Office Space & maintenance, equipment and furniture	68.00
3.	Publicity and awareness of RTE Act	10.00
4.	Capacity buildings	170.00
5.	Workshops and Seminars	20.00
6.	Monitoring complaints/Suggestions	70.00
7.	Social Audit and Public hearings	150.40
8.	Research	30.00
	TOTAL	606.94

5. During the detailed discussion in PAB, the under-mentioned points emerged:-

- (a) Total staff strength of NCPCR is 36, and 25-26 officials are in position;
- (b) It is felt prima-facie that staff members proposed at the national office for RTE should be reduced;
- (c) NCPCR may explore the possibility of involving reputed NGOs for annual audit and public hearing and consider whether one district level officer for 5 blocks or alternatively one district with 5 blocks can be engaged;
- (d) Ministry of Women and Child Development, nodal Ministry for NCPCR needs to be actively involved in the proposal;

6. After a detailed discussion, PAB took the following decisions:-

- (a) NCPCR will revise the proposal in the light of the observations of PAB and submit it to the MHRD within one week;
- (b) On receipt of the proposal, the matter will be discussed between the Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy and Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development and a decision will be taken on the revised proposal of NCPCR.