



**Government of Odisha**  
**Office of Special Relief Commissioner**

No. 2449 /R&DM(DM)

Date: 07/05/21

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From

Dr. Kamal Lochan Mishra, OAS (SAG)  
Addl. Commissioner, Relief

To

The Additoinal Secretary to Govt.,  
Health & FW Dept./ Women and Child Development & MS Dept./ Panchayatiraj & DW  
Dept./ Labour & ESI Dept./ H&UD Dept.  
All Collectors  
All Municipal Commissioners  
Chief General Manager, OSDMA

Sub: **Protection of child rights amid COVID**

Madam/ Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the letter received from the Chairperson, Odisha State commission for protection of child rights (OSCPCR), Govt. of Odisha on the above subject and to say that, amid the COVID- 19 pandemic, care and protection of the children in our State is very much necessary.

In this connection, it has been requested to kindly take appropriate action in the interest of health of our children in the State and for protection of child rights during this pandemic.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

*K. Mishra* 07.05.2021  
Addl. Commissioner, Relief

Memo No. 2450 / R&DM(DM)

Date: 07/05/21

Copy forwarded to the Chairperson, Odisha State commission for protection of child Rights (OSCPCR), Govt. of Odisha for information and necessary action.

*K. Mishra* 07.05.2021  
Addl. Commissioner, Relief



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Ms. Sandhyabati Pradhan  
Chairperson

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Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSCPCR)



No. OSCPCR-06/201255 /OSCPCR, dated: 30-4-21

03 MAY 2021

Sri Pradeep Jena, IAS  
Special Relief Commissioner &  
Additional Chief Secretary to Govt (Disaster Management)

Sub: Protection of child rights amid COVID.

Sir,

The Odisha State commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSCPCR) extends heartfelt thanks for your efforts in effective management of COVID during last year and now also in the second wave. Exemplary steps for prevention and protection have been taken to keep our people safe from COVID.

The Commission has been interacting with different stakeholders including children, parents, child rights groups and the like to understand the situation and address their grievances at different level. In that context we put forth the following few recommendations for necessary action at your end.

1. In the first wave of COVID the State experienced lots of best practices. Making the Temporary Medical Centers (TMCs) child friendly, provisioning of psychosocial counselling are few examples. Steps may be taken to repeat those good practices.
2. As COVID is inducing issues like child marriage, child labour, trafficking, abuse etc, there is a need to strengthen community mechanism through the Panchyat Level Child Protection Committees, Women Self-help Groups etc and help them in addressing those issues. Necessary awareness drive, supply of information and handholding support to these community groups may be extended.
3. The recent study of the commission on street children in five different urban locations of the state has exposed the plight of these children along with their homeless parents. The urban local bodies may take special drive to make them aware on COVID appropriate behavior and also may provide safe shelters.
4. In case of parents are being affected by COVID and in home quarantine or in hospital, the children may need care and protection. Also in case of death of parents the child may require immediate support and care. Necessary arrangement need to be done to reach out these children within a stipulated time from the incident took place.
5. There are child rights groups having presence both at state and district level. Their support can be obtained by involving them in the GO – NGO coordination process. The GO – NGO coordination need to be strengthened both at state and district level.

Necessary instructions may be issued to the District Magistrates as well as the concerned departments to look into these matters and take appropriate action for protection of child rights during this pandemic. Structures and institutions constituted under different laws for protection of child rights may be allowed to function even during the shutdown.

A core group has been formed coordinated by Sri Ghasiram Panda, Advisor to OSCPCR with the leadership of the undersigned with an objective to take measures to ensure child rights during this pandemic. The team may be contacted for support and guidance on this matter as and when required.

(Sandhyabati Pradhan)  
Chairperson, OSCPCR

**OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR & DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, KALAHANDI.**

Memo No. 615 /Covid-19 Cell/ Res.

Dated. 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

Copy forwarded to the Addl. District Magistrate, Kalahandi/ Project Director, DRDA, Kalahandi/ Sub-Collector, Bhawanipatna/ Dharamgarh/ CDM& PHO, Kalahandi All Block Development Officers/ All Tahasildars/ All Executive Officers of Municipality & NACs/ All CDPOs of ICDS/ DCPO, Kalahandi/ All Officers of Collectorate/ All Nodal Officers/ All District Level Officers of Kalahandi District for information and necessary action.

Copy to the DIO, NIC, Kalahandi with request to immediately upload the same in Kalahandi District Portal for wide publicity of the Orders.

By the Order of Collector & DM, Kalahandi

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8/5/2021

**Asst. Collector-cum-Nodal Officer,  
COVID-19 Cell, Kalahandi.**