

## Module 4: Juvenile Justice Board

### Session 1: Structure and Composition

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**In case of inquiry of heinous offences following considerations must be kept in mind.**

- In case child is below 16 years inquiry to be conducted as serious offences
- In case child is above 16 it will conduct preliminary assessment and is of the view that there is a need to conduct trial as adult, transfer the case to Children’s Court
- Where the Board is satisfied on preliminary assessment that the matter should be disposed of by the Board, then it shall follow the procedure as in the case of serious offences

**Other important responsibilities of JJB include**

- Conducting inquiry for declaring fit persons regarding care of CCL
- Conducting at least one inspection visit every month of residential facilities for CCL and recommend action for improving the quality of services to the DCPU and the State Government
- Order the police for registration of first information report for offences committed against any CCL, following a complaint made in this regard and for offences committed against any child in need of care and protection (CNCP) on a written complaint by a Committee in this regard.
- Conducting regular inspection of jails meant for adults to check if any child is lodged in such jails and take immediate measures for transfer of such a child to the Observation Home.
- The Board shall make an order to destroy relevant record of conviction after the expiry of relevant period.

Apart from above powers, functions and responsibilities to ensure fair and speedy inquiry the board under Section 14, subsection 5, JJ Act 2015 ensures the following:

- At the time of initiating the inquiry, the Board shall satisfy itself that the CCL has not been subjected to any ill-treatment by the police, or by any other person, including a lawyer or PO and take corrective steps in case of such ill-treatment.
- In all cases under the Act, the proceedings shall be conducted in simple manner as possible and in a child-friendly atmosphere.
- Every child brought before the Board shall be given the opportunity of being heard and participate in the inquiry.