

Addendum to NCPCR' Advisory regarding care and protection of children moving with migrant families; children living on streets/Child Care Institutions in light of COVID-19 dated 28.03.2020

Addition to point 1 (c)

In case of children with families, adequate food for children and food appropriate for infants may also be made available.

Addition to point 5

vii. If the release of funds to the CCIs is pending, it should be expedited and funds be provided at the earliest.

Subsequent to Point 5

5a. It has come to Commission's notice that there are number of children who were staying in Hostels, Madaras or other Government/Private residential institutions and continue to stay there due to the lockdown. During this period, asking the children to vacate may not only put their health at risk but also can be traumatizing for them. In such cases, the District Collector/Magistrate should ensure the following:

- i. Given the high risk of COVID-19, it is the responsibility of the hostel/Madarsa/ Government/private residential institutions to take care of the children staying there. No institution should ask these children to vacate the hostel/Madarsa/residential institutions during this period.
- ii. there should not shortage of basic facilities such as food, water, medical aid, sanitation for these children.
- iii. If the release of funds to these institutions is pending, it should be expedited and funds be provided at the earliest.
- iv. Support from CHILDLINE may be sought to conduct visit to these institutions and report any kind of shortage or safety issue.

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