

## Selection of RTE State Representatives appointed by NCPCR

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), in fulfilling its mandate under the RTE Act, took the decision to appoint RTE State Representatives to assist the Commission in its task on monitoring RTE at the State level. This decision was taken in concurrence with the Expert Group appointed by NCPCR for advising it on matters related to RTE. Subsequently 2 meetings were held in Delhi, on February 23, 2010 and August 18, 2010, with potential Representatives where the Terms of Reference for the Representatives and the task involved for them was discussed at length. This was also an opportunity to interact with the persons who attended the meetings and know their views on RTE and their understanding of what monitoring would entail at the State level.

Next the Commission set up a Selection Committee consisting of the following members to choose the Representatives for each State:

1. Mr Lov Verma, Member Secretary, NCPCR
2. Ms Kiran Bhatta, National Coordinator, (RTE) NCPCR
3. Ms. Karuna Bishnoi, Child Rights Specialist, UNICEF, New Delhi

This Committee met on September 22, 2010 and deliberated on the list of names from the 2 meetings mentioned above and decided to choose some names from them. The chosen names are given below:

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| 1. Andhra Pradesh   | i) Ms. Bhanumati Kalluri and ii) Mr Rajendra Prasad                                 |
| 2. Assam            | i) Sunil Kaul and ii) Geeta Bhattacharya  |
| 3. Bihar            | i) Mr Sanat Sinha and ii) Sr. Sudha Verghese  |
| 4. Chhattisgarh     | i) Mr. Lalit Surjan and ii) Mr Gautam Bandopadhyay                                  |
| 5. Gujarat          | i) Mr. Sukhdev Patel  |
| 6. Haryana          | i) Mr. Suraj Kumar  |
| 7. Himachal Pradesh | i) Ms. CP Sujaya  |
| 8. Karnataka        | i) Mr. Matthew Philip   |
| 9. Madhya Pradesh   | i) Ms. Asha Mishra and ii) Archana Sahay  |
| 10. Maharashtra     | i) Mr. Suryakant Kulkarni and ii) Dr Madhukar Gumble                                |
| 11. Odisha          | i) Mr. Ranjan Mohanty and ii) Mr. Achyut Das  |
| 12. Rajasthan       | i) Mr. Yogendra Upadhyay and ii) Dr. Sharada Jain                                   |
| 13. Tamil Nadu      | i) Mr. Henry Tiphagne ii) Mr. Ossie Fernandez                                       |
| 14. Uttar Pradesh   | i) Ms. Sehba Hussain and ii) Ms. Malini Ghosh, iii) Veena Gupta<br>iv) Rajesh Kumar |
| 15. West Bengal     | i) Mr. Probir Basu and ii) Mr. Partha Roy   |

However there were some States that were not represented in the List and some States had only one name. It was therefore decided by the Committee to widen the search and seek more names. It will meet again to consider the next set of names. In the meantime, the persons listed above would be informed so that the work in these States could begin.