



NCPCR peeved at Bru condition

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Agartala, Sep 09, 2008 : The National Commission for Protection for Child Rights (NCPCR) expressed serious concern over the plight of children living in six Reang refugee camps in Kanchanpur subdivision.

A six-member team of the NCPCR led by its Chairperson Shantha Sinha visited the refugee camps on Monday and held public hearing to know the living condition of 7000 children.

Children in the refugee camps are deprived of basic facilities like healthcare, education, food security and clean water, said Ms. Sinha at a press conference here on Tuesday.

She pointed out that virtually nothing was done for a population of about 7000 children living in the camps for long time.

"Children can't be ignored from their rights", she said adding that politics should not have any impact on childcare.

She also underlined need on proper monitoring mechanism to look into the problems of the children. Ms Sinha, who called on Chief Secretary Sashi Prakash on Monday and made him aware of the ordeal of the 7000 children staying in the refugee camps.

"The Chief Secretary assured that the problems of the children should be looked into within next one month", she said.

The NCPCR team headed by Ms Sinha visited the camps following a complaint of the Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network (AITPN) that over 7,000 Bru children have not been included in the cards for access to ration.

It may be recalled that over 30,000 Reang families had to leave Mizoram following ethnic clashes in 1997. Now the refugee population in six camps has increased from 30,000 to 37000.



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