

COMMISSION'S INSPECTION PROGRAMME

Visit to Girls' Hostel/Short Stay Home/Correction Centre by the TCW during 2015-2016

Sl.	Date of Visit	Girls Hostel	Members of Visiting Team
1	25-5-2015	Kabi Nazrul Mahavidyalay Minority Girls Hostel at Sonamura	Smt. Tulshi Deb Barma, Member and Smt. Nandita Guha, Member, TCW
2	25-05-2015	Melaghar Girls' SC Hostel	Smt. Tulshi Deb Barma, Member and Smt. Nandita Guha, Member, TCW
3	28-05-2015	Modern Psychiatric Hospital, Narsingarh	Smt. Aparna De, Member-Secretary, TCW
4	11-06-2015.	ST Girls' Boarding House of Khowai Govt. Girls' HS(+2) School	Smt. Aparna De, Member-Secretary, TCW
5	25-07-2015	Taranagar Protective Home, Mohanpur	Smt. Aparna De, Member-Secretary, TCW
6	12-08-2015	ST Girls' Boarding House of Mendihaor High School	Smt. Tulshi Debbarma, Member and Dr. Pranati Modak, Member, TCW
7	18-12-2015	Short-stay Home "Mangalalok", Jagatpur Kalibari Road, Agartala	Smt. Aparna De, Member-Secretary, TCW

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Inspection note of Kabi Nazrul Mahavidyalaya Girl's Hostel

A team of two Members of the Tripura Commission for Women namely Smt. Tulshi Deb Barma and Nandita Guha paid a surprise visit to "Kabi Nazrul Mahavidyalay Minority Girls Hostel" at

Sonamura on 25th May 2015, being a mandatory function of the Commission as per Sec.11(i. g) of the Act.

The Superintendent of the Hostel Smt. Farida Begam was not present, however the Members of the Commission enquired from the girls about their daily routine, their life style and about their daily meal routine. The girls also came forward with their problems.

Observations:-

1. The hostel is a double-storied building.
2. The total accommodation capacity of the hostel is 60, but at present 35 students are residing. They are from BA 1st year onwards to final year students, who are pursuing their education at Sonamura College.
3. The hostel apparently appeared to be clean. On clarification it came to the fore front that the students themselves on routine basis, they do the cleaning.
4. The hostel rooms are very big and spacious.
5. In each floor there is only one water filter, which is not at all sufficient.
6. Three female night guards are there.
7. The doors and windows of the hostel rooms are devoid of curtains.
8. Dinning hall with chairs and tables is there. Cooked food is served only during the afternoon hours, which is a contributory lunch. Each of the hosteller pay Rs300 each per month for food.
9. No indoor game facility is there.

Recommendations:-

On meticulous observation, it has been found that the following short-falls need to be urgently attended to for the betterment of the students-

- i).A good number of water filters is urgently required.**
- ii).Curtains has to be provided in the hostel doors and windows.**
- iii) A telephone connection is also urgently required.**
- iv). Two sweepers ought to be immediately appointed for cleaning of the toilets, as the same are being cleaned by the hostellers.**
- v).Indoor games like chess, ludo, caram etc. should be immediately provided for the hostellers.**
- vi). The hostellers all-together requested that food i. e. 3(three) meals a day, be kindly provided by the Government.**

Two Members of the Commission namely Smt. Tulshi Deb Barma and Nandita Guha paid a surprise visit to Melaghar Girls SC Hostel on 25th May 2015. The said hostel is adjacent to Melaghar Girls Class XII School.

The total sum and substance of the entire visit is not at all satisfactory. The Hon'ble members of the Commission were initially made to wait for 45 minutes, on the plea that as the hostel keys are with the Superintendent of the Hostel, hence message has been sent to her. During this tenure, while interacting with the Asst. Head Mistress of the School it came to the fore front that Smt. Shikha Laskar (Saha) who was the Superintendent of the Hostel has been presently posted at Kalapania Senior Basic School as Headmistress. Therefore, she is presently handling dual charge, though during the day hours it is not possible on her part to be present in the hostel. Further, it was reported that after the long summer vacation though the school had re-opened on 22nd May 2015, but inspite of that the hostellers have not yet returned back. As per information, prior to vocation 30 tribal students were residing in the hostel, as no SC students were available. One male night guard is there. Further, during the night hours, except the night guard no other elderly person or Warden is there to look after the well-being of the boarders. After lapse of 45 minutes, the Asst. Headmistress reported that the hostel keys could not be procured as because the mobile phone of Shikha di is switched off. From this it is evident that, the administrative control is very poor & not satisfactory at all. Though school had re-opened at 22nd May 2015 but still 30 students who are staying in the hostel have not yet reported. Further, it is unbelievable that the School does not have the keys of the hostel. At this juncture, question arises if the hostellers are to report to the hostel after 4 "O" clock in the evening, then how would they report? The entire episode seems to be very cloudy and suspicious. Whether, the safety and security of 30 girl students are to be kept in such hands? The hostel as viewed from outside was full off jungle. Authority is requested to immediately look into the matter on top most priority basis.

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Visit note of Female ward of Modern Psychiatric Hospital, Narsingarh

A team headed by Smt. Aparna De, Member Secretary, Tripura Commission for Women (TCW) visited the Female ward of Modern Psychiatric Hospital, Narsingarh on 28-05-2015. During the visit of the team talked with Dr. Bimal Krishna Bhaumik, HOD of the Hospital and Dr. Jyotirmoy Ghosh. The team also talked with the inmates of the female Ward.

Observations:

1. The accommodation capacity of the female ward of The Modern Psychiatric Hospital, Narsingarh is 50. Presently number of admitted patients is 132 ;
2. Food arrangement is good ;

3. Almost 30 inmates are there who are ready to discharge but till they are confined to the female ward as their family members are not interested to take them back ; in some cases their address has not been found ;
4. There is no separate arrangement for taking care of fully or partly cured inmates and there is no arrangement of recreation for cured inmates.
5. There is no provision of counseling in the Hospital.

Recommendations:

1. A long-term residential continuing care centre should be established for the inmates who are fit for discharge from the Hospital after long treatment and family members of whom are unwilling to take them back to their family or whose proper address has not been found. Proposal for establishing the centre has been sent by the Director of Health Services to the Department of Social Welfare and Social Education;
2. Indoor and outdoor premises of the female ward are required to be kept neat & clean ;
3. Though accommodation capacity of the female ward is 50, at present 132 female patients are admitted in the Hospital. So it is necessary to increase number of seats to minimum 100 seats immediately ;
4. One television may be provided for entertainment of the inmates ;
5. Arrangement of indoor and outdoor game for the inmates may be arranged ;
6. Arrangement of counseling for the inmates who are partly cured may be made to reduce their mental stress, so that the inmates can lead a normal life after returning back in the family;
7. Separate Cell may be established for the violent patients ;
8. Vocational training may be arranged for partly or fully cured inmates for making them self-sufficient after discharge from the Hospital.

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Visit note of ST Girls' Boarding House of Khowai Govt. Girls' H.S. (+2) School

Smt. Aparna De, Member Secretary of the Tripura Commission for Women paid a visit to the ST Girls' Boarding House of Khowai Govt. Girls' HS(+2) School on 11-06-2015. During visit The Member-Secretary talked with Smt. Babi Dutta, Superintendant of the Boarding House and found the following observations:-

6. The accommodation capacity of the Boarding house is 80. At present 73 inmates are staying ;

7. Required number of bed is not available;
8. Provision of Fooding and lodging is good; two times meal and two times Tiffin are provided to the boarders; Fish and egg is provided in two days and meat is provided one day per week.
9. Three Cooks are posted in the Boarding house among them one is not fit to perform routine work ;
10. There are 4 bathrooms and 6 latrines in the boarding house ;
11. Water connection in the latrines & bathrooms is temporarily out of order, due to which girls are suffering a lot ;
12. There is a dining hall without chair and table ;
13. The inside and outside premises of the boarding house is not neat & clean at all and inmates are living in unhygienic condition;
14. There is no drainage system for passing of water from the boarding house ;
15. Water facility is not sufficient;
16. The source of water is one Shallow Tube Well; For drinking water one community filter tank is there;
17. No Curtains on doors and windows were found;
18. No Night Guard is posted in the Boarding House ;
19. There is no provision of contingent fund for minor repairing of the Boarding House.

Recommendations:

1. Immediate repairing of water connection in bathrooms and latrines are required.
2. At least 20 more single beds are required in the boarding house for comfortable staying of the boarders ;
3. Though one lady Super is appointed, on regular basis one female Warden may be appointed in the Boarding house for taking care of the boarders;
4. Posting of one Night Guard is necessary as early as possible;
5. One more Cook may be engaged ;
6. Provision of drainage for passing of water from Bathrooms and kitchen of the boarding house should be made immediately ;
7. Provision of Curtain on doors and windows may be arranged;
8. Dining table with chairs may be provided for the Boarders;
9. Cleaning of inside and outside premises of the Boarding house is necessary ;
10. Boundary wall around the Boarding House are required to be renovated ;

11. One land line telephone connection should be installed for urgent communication to the guardians of the inmates;

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Visit Note of Protective Home, Taranagar, Mohanpur

Smt. Aparna De, Member Secretary, Tripura Commission for Women has visited Taranagar Protective Home on 25-7-2015. With the permission of the Chief Superintendent of Homes the undersigned talked with the inmates of the Home. It is observed that some of the inmates are suffering from mental depression and stress. Inside and outside premises of the Home is neat and clean. There is no complain from the part of inmates. The Superintendent, Smt. Brajabala Debnath, informed that one Homeopathic and one Allopathic doctor visits the Home for check up of inmates. The inmates are involved in chalk-pencil making.

Recommendations:

1. One nurse may be posted on regular basis to take care of the inmates, specially who are suffering from depression and mental stress;
2. Besides Homeopathic and Allopathic doctors one Psychiatrist may visit the Home at least twice per week for regular mental check up of the inmates;
3. One Counselor may be engaged to motivate the inmates and also reduce their mental stress;
4. For recreation of the inmates of the protective Home, periodical cultural programme may be organized involving the inmates; for this purpose services of the staff of "Poorna Sakti Kendra" may be utilized.
5. Repairing of ceiling of Dining Hall and doors of Latrine and Bathrooms are required.

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Visit note of ST Girls' Boarding House of Mendihaor High School

Smt. Tulsi Debbarma and Dr. Pranati Modak, Member of the Tripura Commission for Women (TCW) paid a visit to the ST Girls' Boarding House of Mendihaor High School on 12-08-2015. As the Superintendent of Hostel Smt. Suniti Debbarma is on maternity leave, the Members of TCW talked with Shri Monoranjan Debbarma, Headmaster of the School. During discussion the Members came to know that, as per Govt. decision few dropout girl-students reading in Class I to VIII from the Ganganagar School, Gandachhara are staying in the Hostel for three years. The Headmaster informed that the Girls-students are interested in the co-curricular activities beside their study. The Team observed the following matters:-

1. The building of the hostel is made of brick wall and tin-made roof;
2. The seat capacity of the Hostel is 34;
3. Cleanliness of the hostel premises is satisfactory;
4. There is no dining Hall, but mat for sitting ;
5. There is two bathrooms and two toilets and Sufficient water facility is in the bathroom and toilets;
6. Number of Bathroom and toilets may be increased;
7. There is water supply and tube well;
8. There is one filter for drinking water;
9. Electric facility of the Hostel is good;
10. Fooding and lodging arrangement is satisfactory;
11. One Night Guard is posted in the Hostel ;
12. No Curtain found on doors and windows.

The Team of the Commission feels that if the following initiatives may be taken for betterment of the Hostel:-

Recommendations:

1. Arrangement of boundary wall around the Hostel may be made ;
2. Provision of filter for drinking water in every room may be made immediately;
3. Provision of Curtain on doors and windows may be arranged;
4. Dining table with chairs may be provided for the Boarders;
5. Study table alongwith chairs of the inmates may be arranged;
6. One more Night Guard may be engaged;
7. Arrangement for indoor games for recreation of the inmates in the leisure time may be made;
8. One land line telephone connection should be installed for urgent communication to the guardians of the inmates;
9. Provision of health checkup of inmates in every week may be arranged;

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Visit note of Short-stay Home “Mangalalok” Jagatpur kalibari Road, Agartala

Smt. Aparna De, Member-Secretary, Tripura Commission for Women paid a visit to the Short-stay Home “Mangalalok”, Jagatpur Kalibari Road, Agartala on 18-12-2015. Smt. Gayetry Goswami is the Superintendant of the Home. One Superintendant, One Counsellor, One Rehabilitation Officer, one Accountant, one Peon and one Guard are posted in the Home. During visit following matters have been observed:

1. Seat capacity of the Home is 30; but 31 inmates are admitted.
2. Inside and Outside premises of the Home are neat and clean;
3. There are two bathrooms and two toilets ;
4. Water Supply is the source of water ;
5. Drinking water and electricity facility is good;
6. No Night Guard is posted in the Hostel ;
7. Curtains on doors and windows were found.
8. Training of tailoring and sewing and embroidery is provided to the inmates;
9. Some of the inmates are students. Two teachers teach them regularly.

Recommendations:

1. Number of Toilets and bathrooms with sufficient water may be increased ;
2. Seat capacity and number of rooms may be increased;
3. One Night Guard may be engaged;
4. Monthly remuneration of the staff engaged in the Home may be increased.