



Press Release

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights

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A team of NCPCR led by Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Chairperson NCPCR is visiting Thanjavur District Tamil Nadu in connection with to inquire into the incident of suicidal death of a minor girl student of Sacred Heart Hr. Sec. School, Michaellepatt, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, on 30th -31st, January 2022. Earlier, a complaint was received by the Commission alleging that the minor girl was force to illegal conversion into Christianity and consequent upon opposing this conversion, the girl imposed corporal punishment, refused to go home and made to clean toilets and wash dishes etc., by the school authorities. As a result, the child committed suicide by drinking pesticides, because of atrocities faced by her.

The Government of Tamil Nadu is reluctant to extend the necessary facilities/support to the NCPCR team for the said inquiry into the incidence on the pretext of imposition of Model Code of Conduct which came into force due to Local Body Ordinary Elections in the State of Tamil Nadu. However, the Commission still stands to its proposed visit to Thanjavur District Tamil Nadu for the purpose. The Commission will inquire into the incident of suicidal death of a minor girl, for which the concerned Superintendent of Police and Investigating Officer has been asked to ensure their presence, meeting with the parents of deceased girl, interacting with the classmates of the deceased, meeting/interacting with the Doctor who treated the girl before she died and the Doctor who performed Post-mortem of the deceased, meeting with the School authorities and also open to interact with the local populace, willing to interact with the Commission.

Since state Government is not extending support to the visit of NCPCR, the Commission will arrange the above series of events at a designated place to be identified on reaching Thanjavur, which shall be made public through NCPCR Social Media platform.