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Dated: 28.04.2016

Dear Sir,

**Subject: Regarding Child Marriages solemnized on a large scale on Akshay Tritiya/ Akha Teej**

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPDR) is a statutory body constituted under the provisions of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 (4 of 2006) for the protection of child rights and other related matters.

A newspaper article relating to the illegal practice of solemnizing child marriage (Copy of the newspaper article is enclosed) across the country on a mass scale on Akshay Tritiya/ Akha Teej has come to the notice of the Commission.

As you are aware these marriages are prohibited under Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006. Under this Act the various provisions are:

**sec. 9 provides for Punishment for male adult marrying a child** - Whoever, being a male adult above eighteen years of age, contracts a child marriage shall be punishable with rigorous imprisonment which may extend to two years or with fine which may extend to one lakh rupees or with both.

**sec. 10 provides for Punishment for solemnizing a child marriage** - Whoever performs, conducts, directs or abets any child marriage shall be punishable with rigorous imprisonment which may extend to two years and shall be liable to fine which may extend to one lakh rupees unless he proves that he had reasons to believe that the marriage was not a child marriage.

**sec. 11 provides for Punishment for promoting or permitting solemnization of child marriages** - (1) Where a child contracts a child marriage, any person having charge of the child, whether as parent or guardian or any other person or in any other capacity, lawful or unlawful, including any member of an organisation or association of persons who does any act to promote the marriage or permits it to be solemnized, or negligently fails to prevent it from being solemnized, including attending or participating in a child marriage, shall be punishable with rigorous imprisonment which may extend to two years and shall also be liable to fine which may extend up to one lakh rupees:

Provided that no woman shall be punishable with imprisonment.

(2) For the purposes of this section, it shall be presumed, unless and until the contrary is proved, that where a minor child has contracted a marriage, the person having charge of such minor child has negligently failed to prevent the marriage from being solemnized.

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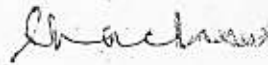
It seems that despite the fact that laws are in place, child marriages are being solemnized.

In view of the seriousness of the matter the Commission desires that a detailed Action Taken Report of the efforts made by your State for taking preventive steps in this regard in view of impending Akshay Tritiya/ Aakha Teej is sent to the Commission within a week from the date of receipt of this letter.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Enclosed: as above)

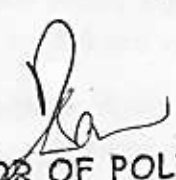


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