

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL WELFARE
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No.1/RC(MV)/SW-03: It is hereby informed to all concerned that as per the provision of Sub-Section (14) xi of Section 2 of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 — ***A child who is victim of or affected by any armed conflict, civil unrest or natural calamity*** are defined as Children in Need of Care and Protection. As such, under the provision of the JJ Act 2015, all the children who are victims of recent ethnic/communal violence and displaced from their home and are sheltering in relief camps comes **under the purview of JJ Act as Children in Need of Care and Protection.**

Further, the Child Welfare Committees (CWCs), a Statutory Body constituted under Section 27(1) of JJ Act by the Department, are functioning as a Bench and have the power conferred by the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 on a Metropolitan Magistrate or as the case may be, a Judicial Magistrate of First Class under the provision of Section 27 (9) of JJ Act, 2015 are dealing cases related to Children in Need of Care and Protection.

In this regard, the parents/guardians of the children (below 18 years of age) & Authorities in the relief camps shall comply with the following **"Dos & Don'ts"**:

- (i) All the children shall be produced before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) by their parents/guardians & Authorities of the relief camps along with District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) of the respective district.
- (ii) If any child is to be sent outside the State for education or any other purpose, the parents/guardians of the child & Authorities of the relief camps shall seek permission from the concerned CWC.
- (iii) In case of any doubt/suspicion, parents shall report to or approach DCPU/ CWC concerned immediately.
- (iv) All the Parents/Guardians & Authorities of relief camps shall not trust any lucrative offers for education or any other welfare/relief measures for the children from any unknown individual/ un-verified Organization from within/ outside the State.
- (v) No children from relief camps should be sent outside the State, even by their parents, without written order/permission of the CWC concerned.
- (vi) Your shortsightedness and hasty decision without verification of credentials can ruin the life of your loved ones.

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