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The Department of Women & Child Development is the Nodal Department for implementation of Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015 & Model Rules, 2016 and The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

There are 23 Govt. run and 78 NGO run Child Care Institutions in Delhi which provides Care and Protection services to hundreds of Children under the age group from 0 to 18 years. Superintendent/Home In-Charge being the head of their respective Child Care Institution are responsible to provide appropriate services for care and protection to the Children residing in their respective Child Care Institution.

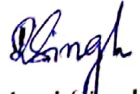
Now a day, Child sexual abuse is a major concern and to fight child sexual abuse it is important to bring awareness and strengthen children themselves to counter such abuse. Therefore to prevent the incidents of Sexual Assaults & Sexual Abuse in the Child Care Institutions Superintendent are hereby directed to ensure followings Do's and Do Not which shall be adopted for supportive behaviour towards child victims :-

Do's	Do Not
Listen to the child with patients when the child complains about a person or an incident or physical discomfort	Blame the Child.
Ensure the child has undergone medical examination immediately after reporting the incidents	Ignore when the child complains about a person or an incident or a physical discomfort.
Report incidents of abuse at the nearest Police Station	React in extremes when the incidents is reported
Be sensitive while discussing the incident or its details with the child	Keeping Child with dormitories where accused is residing.
Such matter reported immediately to the concerned authorities.	Disclose the child's identity to other people or to the media.
	Ask the child not to seek help form others
	Not providing medical attention to the child
	Not taking action even when one is aware of the abuse being taking place
	Not reporting the incident at the Police Station.

Further to prevent the incidents of Sexual Assaults in the Child Care Institutions, all the Superintendent/Home In-Charge (Govt./NGO run) of Child Care Institutions must ensure the following directions :-

1. Organize regular orientation session with the children on good touch and bad touch.
2. Regularly organize awareness programme on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.
3. Provide safe, homely and enabling atmosphere of love, affection, care and concern for Children their Institution.
4. Conduct safety audit including staff and infrastructure.
5. Display relevant Information, Education and Communication (IEC) material related to prevention of Sexual Assaults & Sexual Abuse at prominent places.
6. Superintendent/Home In-Charge, Welfare Officers & Counsellors to make a regular interaction with children and to be more proactive and interactive to win the trust of the children so that can address any fear expressed by children in advance.
7. The Welfare Officers & Counsellors or Mental Health Experts must ensure that if such incidents come in the knowledge, the incident must be reported within strict time frame to the reporting authorities.
8. Mental Health Units attached with CCIs shall deal with Sexual Assault in proactive manner and provide regular counselling and also report to the Department if anything untoward is seen immediately. If needed psychological and psychiatric treatment must be taken on record.
9. Children who are dominating and bullying should be identified to provide regular counselling and kept on close watch or be segregated, if needed, so that they do not harm fellow residents.
10. Ensure that Staff posted in Child Care Institutions is more vigilant to avert such incidents.
11. Ensure that the CCTV cameras put at places strategically identified by the Superintendents/Home In-Charge and all the CCTV Cameras must be functional and their feed is monitored.
12. The proper orientation of the staffs on the prevention of such abuse may be provided including Care Taker/ Care Givers, Security Staff and Sanitation staff.

13. The provisions of Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015 & Model Rules, 2016 and The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 must be ensured fully in letter and spirit in the respective Child Care Institutions.


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Copy to:-

1. All Superintendent, Govt. run Child Care Institutions.
2. All Superintendent/Home In Charge, NGO run Child Care Institutions- (Through District Child Protection Officers)

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Copy for information to:-

1. The Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Boards.
2. The Chairpersons/Member Child Welfare Committees.
3. All District Officer, DWCD, GNCTD.
4. All District Child Protection Officers.
5. OSD to Secretary, DWCD, GNCTD


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