Press Note

"WORK SHOP ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND CHILD LABOUR"

organized by SSB at FHQ, New Delhi

On the initiative of DG, SSB, Smt. Archana Ramasundaram, a workshop on Human Trafficking and Child Labour was organized at SSB Hqr. New Delhi today. The workshop was intended to bring along all the stakeholders fighting against the menace of human trafficking to a common platform from across Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan Border and also in the area of responsibility of Sashastra Seema Bal which extends up to 15 kms from the International border.

The aim of the workshop was to develop a coordinated mechanism to strike at the root of this problem by roping in all the Govt. agencies and NGOs, not only at the origin (Supply Source) of human trafficking victims but also in transit and destination (demand location).

The workshop was attended by more than 80 participants which included police officers from the States bordering Indo-Nepal border including UP, Bihar and West Bengal and also police officers of State like Punjab and cities like Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, which was the destination of the victims. The workshop was also attended by representatives from Union Ministries of Home Affairs, Labour, HRD and Women & Child Development and National Skill Development Corporation, which deal with the problem of human trafficking in various places. Representatives of 16 NGOs working on Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan Border and other parts of country such as Prayas, Pratham, Bachapan Bachao Andolan, Shaktivahani, Justice and Care, Maiti India etc participated in the workshop and share their views. Representatives of UNODC, UN Women and DFID (UK) also participated. There was serious deliberation on the agenda points which included the Human Trafficking scenario on the borders, changing modus operandi, routes, trade and pattern of trafficking, Role of Govt. agencies, Role of NGOs and coordination between various stakeholders - both Govt. and Non Govt. There were discussions on practical and legal issues of rehabilitations of victims, establishment of backward and forwarded linkages of the crime and sharing of intelligence /information.
All the agencies participated enthusiastically on in the discussion. Based on the deliberations, a roadmap for enhancing cooperation increasing coordination and effective implementation of various laws of the land following roadmap was given by the DG, SSB

1. To sensitize all the stakeholders with regard to human trafficking and child labour through various means, such as reiterating instructions of MHA in this regard and also organizing awareness campaign in coordination.

2. States to verify vulnerable areas/hot spots and focus on them.

3. Reference of stringent sections of prevailing legal sections in FIRs and better monitoring of the same by senior officers.

4. To involve robust coordination mechanism by appointing nodal officers at the state level and also in the metro. DIG, Ops. SSB, has been nominated as Nodal Officer of SSB.

5. Sharing of changing modus operandi by case study.

6. To work earnestly on backward and forward linkages of crime with the help of agencies at the source and destinations, sharing of data base preparing of dossiers of offenders.

7. Use of technology softwares such as Impulse for better monitoring of the cases and also keep track of victims’ rehabilitation and prosecution of offenders.

8. To extend cooperation in capacity building of police personnel and CAPFs with the help of NGOs and on their own.

9. To invite SSB at all State level coordination meetings.

10. To use MOU signed with National Skill Development for providing skill development to providing better opportunity to the victims and potential victims.

11. A group of all the Police Officers of the States concerned has also been created for swift sharing of information and intelligence.

The workshop was a massive success with attendance of almost all the organization invited and enthusiastic participation in deliberation. The roadmap set will further help in fighting this menace of human trafficking by striking at the root by a coordinated effort of all the stakeholders.

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