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## SC finds audit of child shelters 'frightening'

The **Supreme Court** on Tuesday called the preliminary contents of a social audit conducted by the National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) as "frightening." In an affidavit filed before a Bench led by Justice Madan B. Lokur, the NCPCR, represented by advocate Anindita Pujari, submitted that out of a total of 2,874 children's homes surveyed, only 54 institutions could be given positive reviews.

The NCPCR is carrying out an audit of child care institutions and other bodies such as children homes, open shelters, observation homes, special homes, places of safety, specialised adoption agencies and fit facilities under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, and Model Rules.

The audit is being conducted in compliance with a SC order on May 5, 2017.

Out of 185 shelter homes audited across the country, only 19 had "all the records of a child that they are supposed to maintain." Of the 203 special adoption agencies, only eight deserved positive reviews.

Similarly, only 16% of the 172 observation homes audited till July 31, 2018, had all the required records of the children, like case histories and who are residing there.

Again, out of 80 special homes/place of safety only 13% have the complete set of records.

The commission urged the court to direct the States to take positive measures to improve the condition of CCIs. The court said that had the authorities functioned properly, recent incidents like the one in Muzaffarpur in Bihar where several girls were allegedly raped and sexually abused in a shelter home would not have happened.

"It is very clear from this (NCPCR) report that nobody is interested. The court is helpless. If we do something, then it will be said that it is judicial activism," Justice Lokur remarked orally.



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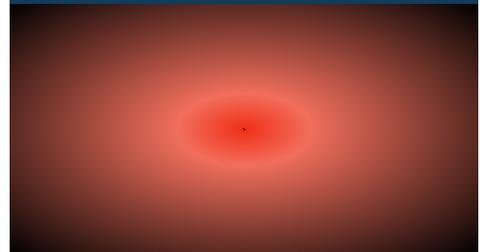
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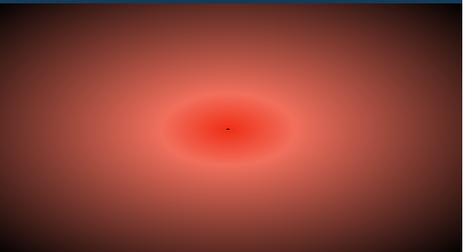
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