

F. No. 15011/184/2022-SC/ST-W
Ministry of Home Affairs
Government of India
Women Safety Division.

2nd Floor, MDC National Stadium,
New Delhi – 110001,
Dated: 17th October, 2022.

To

**ACs/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary (Home)
(all States/UTs)**

**Subject: Appointment of Child Welfare Police Officers and Special
Juvenile Police Units under Juveniles Justice Act (Care and
Protection) Act 2015 –reg**

**Ref: Letter No.32-308/2022/NCPCR/Misc/LC/254238 dated 22 Sept
2022 from the National Commission for Protection of Child
Rights sent to DGP in all States/UTs**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and the letter from the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights referred to above. The said Commission has given mention of Section 107(1) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, which requires designation of at least one officer, not below the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspector, as a Child Welfare Police Officer (CWPO) in every police station to exclusively deal with children, either as victims or perpetrators. The Commission has further requested that in terms of section 107(2) of the same Act, a Special Juvenile Police Unit in each district and city may be set up. This Unit is required to be headed by a police officer not below the rank of a Deputy Superintendent of Police and consisting of all police officers designated as CWPOs and two social workers having experience of working in the field of child welfare, of whom one shall be a woman, to co-ordinate all functions of police in relation to children. The police officers of these Special Juvenile Police Units have to be provided special training

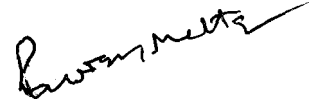
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to enable them to perform their functions more effectively. There is also a requirement to prominently display a list of all designated Child Welfare Police Officers with their contact details in every police station. Moreover, various other provisions under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2016 provide specific roles of a CWPO and the Special Juvenile Police Unit in cases of child rights violations.

2. Considering that the Child Welfare Police Officers in Police Stations and the Special Juvenile Police Unit at District level have a critical role in dealing with crimes against children, including crimes by Juveniles, it is requested to review the compliance and functioning of these mechanisms in your State/ UT and where necessary, issue directions to set up and operationalize these mechanisms at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,



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Director General of Police
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Copy for information to:-

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
2. The Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, New Delhi.