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Circular

Sub: Regarding conducting children's special Grama Sabha in the month of November

Reference :

1. Government circular no. gra.a.pa. 367 gra.pam.a. 2006 dtd 18.09.2006
 2. Government circular no. gra.a.pa. 108 gra.pam.a. 2002 dtd 30.10.2007
 3. Government circular no. gra.a.pa. 487 gra.pam.a. 2017 dtd 29.08.2017 . 17.10.2018
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The circulars in the reference provides guidelines for conducting special Makkala Grama Sabhe in the month of November every year, and the outlines of the program and subjects to be discussed in detail.

The State and Central governments have come up with various programs for the protection of children and their overall development. It is every one's duty to protect children's rights. In order to protect the rights of the children in rural areas, and its implementation, and to provide an opportunity for them to express their desires and feelings freely, opportunities have been provided through special Makkala Grama Sabhe which is being conducted every year through grama panchayats. Details are provided in all the circulars mentioned in the reference. While conducting grama sabhe by the grama panchayats, children's status/conditions, their development, and their rights provided by the constitution have to be discussed in detail and suitable action to be taken on their demands/requests and it tis the responsibility of the grama panchayat, parents and Heads of the schools.

In this view, all the grama panchayas are informed to conduct children's special grama sabhas in the month of November 2019. While conducting the special makkala grama sabhas, following points must be followed.

- Children's special grama panchayats have to be organized in one of the high school coming under the particular grama panchayat and which has a big ground
- Seating for children, loud speakers, and drinking water facilitates have to be arranged at the venue
- Proper environment to be created so that children can participate freely
- All the participating officers, heads of the schools and parents must listen attentively to the children while they are expressing their opinions
- Discussion of other subjects should not be allowed in this special grama sabha to which children have been invited
- It is to be ensured that the Grama Panchayat officials, Anganwadi workers, Principals of the schools, president of the SDMC, Health department workers, chief of the youth board (yuvaka yuvathi mandali), Police officers participate in this special grama sabha
- Officers must share information about the child rights in the children's special grama sabhas
- Information on free education, free health care, free meals in the afternoon (bisi oota), free books, uniforms, games activities, library facility, and other facilities must be shared

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- Create awareness on Child marriage prohibition Act, child trafficking prohibition Act, prohibition of sexual assault on children Act, Prohibition of child labor Act, Prohibition of bonded labor Act
 - Provide opportunities for school dropouts (scheduled caste and scheduled tribe, backward class, minorities), disabled, and girls to participate in the discussions of grama sabha
 - A system must be established to document the points expressed by children and to take follow up action on the same
 - Grama panchayat to send the proceedings of the special grama sabha to all the concerned officers for the follow up actions
 - Proceedings of the special grama sabha to be uploaded to Panchatantra

It is directed that the chief executive officers of the all district panchayats are required to give proper directions to all the executive officers coming under their jurisdiction, panchayat development officers and to the secretaries to organise children's rights grama sabhas compulsorily and to send reports on such meetings to the government.

Sd/-

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1. All the Chief Executive Officers of the Zilla Panchayats
2. Executive officers of all the Taluk Panchayats
3. Panchayat Development officers of all the Grama Panchayats
4. Chief Editor, Karnataka Vikasa/website, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj
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1. Secretary to the honorable minister for the department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, for the kind information
2. Secretary to the government (apara) and personal secretary to the commissioner of Development
3. Personal Secretary to the Principal Secretary of the Government (Panchayat Raj) Department of RDPR, for kind information and suitable action
4. Principal Secretary to the Government, personal secretary to the department of women and child development and disabled and senior citizen's empowerment
5. Principal Secretary to the Government, personal secretary to the department of Health and Family welfare
6. Principal Secretary to the Government, personal secretary to the department of social welfare
7. Principal Secretary to the Government, personal secretary to the department of Primary and Secondary education
8. Secretary to the Government, personal secretary to the department for the welfare of the backward classes
9. Secretary to the Government, personal secretary to the department of Minorities welfare
10. Director, Department of Women and Child Development, Bengaluru

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11. Director, Department of Disabled and Senior citizen's empowerment