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F.No. 233832/NCPCR/LC/2022/ 231532
Date: 11th July, 2022

NOTICE U/S 13(1)(J) OF CPCR ACT, 2005.

To,

Shri Vivek Phansalkar, IPS
Commissioner of Police,
Mumbai Police, Maharashtra.
Email: cp.mumbai@mahapolice.gov.in

Subject: Reg. urgent legal action against Shri Aditya Thakrey, President of Yuva Sena & President of Mumbai District Football Association for using minor children as child labour & political campaign for so called "Save Aarey Protest".

Sir,

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (**hereinafter referred as the "Commission"**) is a statutory body constituted under Section 3 of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 to protect the child rights and other related matters in the country. The Commission is further mandated to monitor the proper and effective implementation of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 and Right to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009. In addition to functions assigned under Section 13 of the CPCR Act, 2005, the Commission has also been mandated under Section 13(1) (j) to take suo-moto notice of matters related to deprivation and violation of child rights. **The Commission also has the powers of a Civil Court trying a suit under the Section 14 of CPCR Act, 2005 and Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.**

2. The Commission has received a complaint from Shri Dhrutiman Joshi, Legal Head, Sahyadri Rights Forum citing twitter links; https://twitter.com/AUThackeray/status/1546037147693715457?t=kxmVdnePinchKaG_Dw22Kg&s=08 & <https://archive.ph/Lu3g0> alleging that Shri Aditya Thakrey, President of Yuva Sena and President of Mumbai District Football Association used the minor children in the protest / political campaigns and so called "Save Aarey Protest" campaign. Through the said twitter link, the children are seen as part of the protest holding placard. The self-explanatory complaint is enclosed.

3. The Commission while taking cognizance of the matter u/s 13(1)(j) of CPCR Act, 2005, is of the view that such an act is prima facie in contravention of Section 75 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, Child & Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, Article 21 (Right to Life) & Article 23(Right to protection from forced labour) of the Constitution of India and relevant Sections of Indian Penal Code, 1860.

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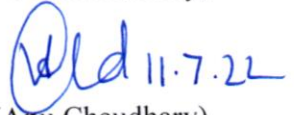
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4. In view of above, the Commission thereby requests you to investigate the matter urgently by lodging an FIR against the accused person(s), at once. The children should be identified and produced before the Child Welfare Committee as per Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 for recording their statements.

5. An Action Taken Report along with copy of FIR and statement of children may be shared with the Commission within **03 days** of receipt of this letter.

This issues with the approval of Chairperson, NCPCR.

Yours sincerely,


(Anu Chaudhary)