

BRIEF NOTE ON OPERATION SMILE – II

As per instruction of MHA, GOI, Operation Smile-II was carried out in Odisha as well as across the country with joint efforts of Odisha Police and Women and Child Development Dept., w.e.f. 01.01.2016 to 31.01.2016, with Crime Branch as Nodal Agency for rescue and rehabilitation of missing children. In entire operation 330 missing children alongwith 41 child labourers were rescued from within Odisha.

During Phase-II i.e. from 15.01.2016 to 31.01.2016, ten Police teams alongwith representatives from W&CD Dept., were sent out to different destination states like Andhra Pradesh, Telengana, Maharashtra, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. A total of 185 missing children have been rescued from the aforementioned states.

Therefore, altogether 515 missing children were rescued during Operation smile – II and have been handed over either to their parents or rehabilitated in child care institutions.

The operation was closely monitored by Shri Bijay Kumar Sharma, IPS, Spl. DG of Police, Crime, assisted by IGP, CID/CB who is the nodal officer, all range IGs, DIsG, SsPs and DCsP & all 37 IHTUs with full cooperation of officials of W&CD Dept.

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