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PRESS NOTE ON OPERATION SMILE – II
PHASE-II

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 Department w.e.f. 01.01.2016 to 31.01.2016 with Crime Branch as Nodal Agency. As reported earlier, during phase-I, 122 missing children were rescued. However, by 31.01.2016 altogether 330 missing children and 41 child labourers were rescued from within Odisha and have been handed over either to their parents or rehabilitated in child care institutions.

During Phase-II i.e. from 15.01.2016 to 31.01.2016, ten Police teams alongwith representatives from W&CD Department were sent out to different destination states like Andhra Pradesh, Telengana, Maharashtra, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. Advance liaisoning and systematic approach has paid rich dividends and as many as 185 missing children have been rescued from the aforementioned states. The operation was closely monitored by Shri Bijay Kumar Sharma, IPS, Spl. DG of Police, Crime, assisted by all range IGs, DIsG, SsPs and DCsP with full cooperation of Shri Vishal Kumar Dev, IAS., Secretary, W&CD Department, Shri R.P. Singh, IAS, Director, Social Welfare and other officials of W&CD Department. All 36 Integrated Anti Human Trafficking Units (IAHTUs) functioning in police districts of Odisha, centrally monitored by IAHTU of CID,CB, have done an excellent job in making coordination, liaisoning and identification of the parents.

All the teams have worked relentlessly with full dedication and commitment which could make Operation Smile-II in success.

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