

Berhampur Survey Report



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About Berhampur station

Berhampur railway station is situated on the East coast railway line which is a major route connecting the two metros Kolkata and Chennai of India. It is directly connected to New Delhi, Ahmadabad, Bangalore, Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Cuttack, Mumbai, Nagpur, Pune, Puri, Vishakhapatnam, Kolkata, Raipur, Sambalpur and many more cities of India. Berhampur is the busiest railway station of the Indian state of Odisha. It serves Berhampur in Ganjam district. Approximately 64 trains pass out the station per day. Currently Berhampur Railway Station has 3 platforms, while the fourth one is under construction. Berhampur railway station serves many passengers' every day.

Objective of survey

- ❖ To understand the inflow of freshly landed runaway and missing children at Berhampur Railway station.
- ❖ To understand the issues associated with old children staying in and around at Railway station.
- ❖ To rescue all the needy children came in contact while doing the survey and resettle them with help of a local based NGO, Berhampur childline.

Duration of survey

In order to know the situation of missing, runaway and old children at station, we conducted three days survey at Berhampur railway station on 18th to 20th Sept.2014. The survey was conducted in the two shifts with the time of 8 hours i.e.

- First shift (6am -2PM)
- Second shift (2pm -9pm)

Steps towards preparation and survey team preparation

- ❑ Permission was taken from the station manager of Berhampur railway station and the other railway authorities. At the same time we also took the permission of Berhampur CWC member as well as from ISRD organization.
- ❑ An orientation meeting was held on 17th Sept.2014 with SOCH team as well as college volunteers for understanding the survey objective.
- ❑ For survey two teams were formed having three members with one coordinator.
- ❑ During survey two members from ISRD organization (Child line) also involved with us.

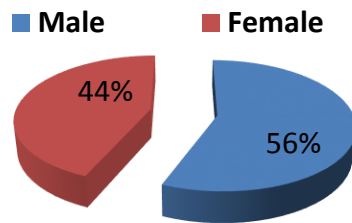
Acknowledgement:

- Society for children (SOCH) is very thankful to Berhampur railway authorities like station manager, GRP, RPF, and CTI teams for their support & cooperation for carry out this base line survey.
- Our special thanks to D.P.Brahama (station manager of Berhampur railway station) for his energetically support and co-operation to our all SOCH team in every difficult situation during the survey time.
- We are also gratified to Mr.Sudhir Sabat Head of ISRD organization for provided shelter to rescued children.
- We would like to thanks Mr.Bairagi sir (CWC member of Cuttack child line), Ms Pranati (coordinator of Child line) and other child line members of Berhampur childline for their fully support during the survey time.
- We are also thankful to BJB College Volunteers for their participation and succeed this survey.
- We would like to thanks everyone who supported and helped us during the whole survey period.

Details of all rescued children

Gender wise distribution

Sl.no	Gender	No of children
1.	Male	09
2.	Female	07
Total		16



Age wise distribution

Sl.no	Age group	No of children
1	Less than 6yr.	00
2	7yr to 10yr	00
3	11yr to 14yr	07
4	15yr to 18yr	09
Total		16

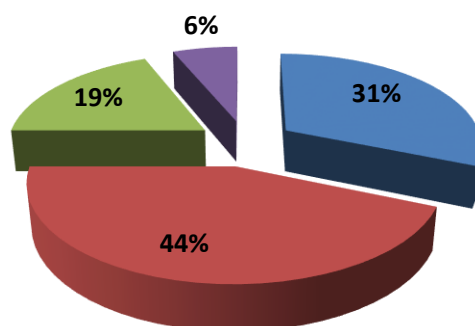
Education wise category

Sl. no	Education	No. of children
1	1 st to 3 rd	00
2	4 th to 7 th	06
3	8 th to 10 th	06
4	Nil	04
Total		16

Reasons for leaving home

Sl. No	Reason	No. of children
1	Working purpose	05
2	Child Trafficking	07
3	Begging	03
4	City attraction	01
Total		16

■ working purpose ■ Trafficking children
■ Begging ■ city attraction



State wise category of children

Sl.No	States	No. of Children
1	AP	02
2	Odisha	13
3	Bihar	01
Total		16

Children rescued on the platforms

Sl.No	platforms	No. of children
1	1	5
2	2-3	11
Total		16

No. of time left home

Sl. No.	No. of time	No. of children
1	1 st time	09
2	2 nd & 3 rd time	07
3	Above 4th	00
Total		16

Rescue time of children

Sl.no	Rescue time	No. of children
1	6am-10am	02
2	10am-2pm	02
3	2pm-6pm	08
4	6pm-10pm	04
Total		16

Parental status of the children

Sl. No.	Parental status	No. of children
1	Both alive	12
2	Single	04
3	Orphan	00
Total		16

Out of home duration

Sl.No	Out of home duration	No. of children
1	1day to 2days	14
2	3days to 6days	00
3	1week to 1 month	00
4	More than one month	02
Total		16

Major findings

- ❖ During survey period we contacted 19 children in between the three days and rescued 16 children as per the duty time.
- ❖ Out of 16 children 9 were boys while 7 girls.
- ❖ We referred 13 children to childline for further care and protection where as provided food support to 3.
- ❖ All the children belonged to the age group of 11-14yrs and 15-18yrs.
- ❖ A majority of the children were from Odisha state.
- ❖ Most of the children were rescued from the platform no 2 &3 as most of the trains are crossing through this platform.
- ❖ During the survey we rescued 7 girl children those who were going to trafficking to AP for working purpose with some women.
- ❖ Most of the children came to station for first time only.
- ❖ Majority of the children who ran away from their home for first time.
- ❖ As per our duty time most of the children were rescued during the time of 2pm - 6pm.

Details of other contacted children during survey:

Sl. no	Name	Age	Gender	Reason for leaving home	Out of home duration	Place	State
1	Rinkiya Das	12	F	For begging	1day	Ganjam	Odisha
2	Sahaban	14	M	City attraction	1day	Samastipur	Bihar
3	Akash	7	M	For begging	1day	Ganjam	Odisha

Observation



Berhampur station is one of the big and busiest stations of Odisha. There is one exit and entrance gate at the platform no 1 and this side also opened to the market place. So far to serve the passengers there are 30 stalls. Having some natural beauty, this place attracts more the passengers. One of organization named as ISRD (Indian society for rural development) is working there with a different concept otherwise known as child line. Despite of everything there are many adult people engaged themselves in begging profession with their children and it is a station which promotes more trafficking case.

Regarding SOP



By the SOP (Standard operating procedure) the child protection committee (CPC) is already formed and functioning in that station with the collaboration of nearest childline .The railway authorities as well as the various stake holders are the part of it. In every month they are organizing the review meeting in a regular basis. However, during our survey we were also part of that meeting.

Conclusion:



We got whole hearted support from Station manager, IIC RPF, GRP, CTI and other railway employees. Simultaneously we also got entirely cooperation of Mr. Sudhir Sabat (Director of Childline) to reach our target. As per our observation there are many children who aboard from this station to other metros and developed cities by the traffickers where as some of them are occupational beggar.

As per our observation the children of this district as well as their parents need more counseling regarding child labor and to be aware about traffickers. Finally we reach a conclusion that the flow of runaway children per day is approximately 5.

