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Child Commission Seeks Counselling After Shaheen Bagh Videos

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India's child rights commission asked South East Delhi's district magistrate to arrange counselling for children who appeared in videos from the Shaheen Bagh anti-CAA protest. Its letter warned that rumours and misinformation about detention could cause children mental trauma.



Three kids who were present at the Shaheen Bagh protest. (KnowYourNation/Twitter)

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- The complaint said children were repeating warnings that people without citizenship documents would be sent to detention centres and deprived of food and clothing.
- A commission official said an individual emailed the complaint without attaching videos, and that the commission had itself seen several clips circulating online.
- The commission asked the district magistrate to have child protection and police welfare officers identify the children and arrange counselling, including for parents if appropriate.
- The commission sought a report from the district magistrate within ten days, setting a deadline for an official response to its letter.

THE TAKEAWAY

The child rights commission asked South East Delhi's district magistrate to arrange counselling for the children identified and report back within 10 days.

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