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Child rights panel bars risky events at R-Day

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Now, the schoolchildren will not be allowed to display dangerous events, stunts and martial arts during the Republic Day function on January 26, as the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR) has imposed a restriction on such events keeping in view the safety of children.

Besides, the commission has also asked the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) across the state to depute one teacher per 15 schoolchildren participating in the Republic Day programme in order to take care of them properly.

“We got verbal complaints that children are summoned well before the beginning of the Republic Day function, making them spend a long time in the open in this biting cold. It could be risky for them. Even, they are asked to perform risky dances and dangerous stunts to impress the guests and spectators,” said Bal Kishan Goyal, a member of the SCPCR.

Taking a swift action on the complaints, an urgent meeting of the commission was convened to discuss the issue and it was decided unanimously to issue special directives to all DCs asking them to ensure the safety of schoolchildren during the Republic Day function, he added.

He said the district authorities had been asked to provide clean potable water, refreshment and toilet facilities to children.
