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## Give details of child sexual abuse cases in 2 days: HC

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**Bengaluru:** The state government must respond by Thursday as to whether any FIRs have been registered and investigation conducted into 113 cases of sexual abuse of children reported across Karnataka in 2018.

A division bench headed by chief justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka sought the state's response as counsel for the petitioners in a PIL claimed that as per their information, the government has not registered any FIR with regard to child sexual abuse cases in Karnataka, which was revealed in data published by the ministry of women and child development (MWCD) in September last year.

The data indicated that with 113 cases of sexual abuse (87 boys and 26 girls), Karnataka has the highest number of victims of child pornography and accounted for about 60% of the cases.

The bench observed that on the last occasion, the court had sought an action-taken report on the premise that the authorities may have conducted investigation

### Permanent foreigners' detention centre to come up near Tavarekere

A permanent detention centre to house foreign nationals who have overstayed will become operational at Sondekoppa, near Tavarekere in Bengaluru north taluk. Rajneesh Goel, additional chief secretary (home), mentioned this to the high court in an affidavit in connection with the bail petitions filed by Bangla nationals Babul Khan and Tania. The two, who were arrested for overstaying, have moved the court seeking bail.

Goel stated that currently, overstaying foreign nationals are housed in 35 temporary foreigners' detention centres set up in all districts across the

state (including Bengaluru), wherein all basic facilities have been provided. A total of 612 cases are registered under the Foreigners Act and other laws against 866 persons from different countries.

Earlier, the central government had informed the court that foreigners/illegal immigrants should be kept in detention centres in India and must be looked after till their death if their country disowns them after their release on completion of sentence.

Then the court had observed that such foreigners should be properly taken care of after their release from jail on bail. **TNN**

as these cases are cognisable offences. Bachpan Bachao Andolan and Sampurna Behura, both New Delhi-based organizations, have sought for a direction to the state government for formulating a new or amended state child protection programme as the old policy restricts itself to children in school.

Further, citing the highest number of cases as found in MWCD data, both the organizations have sought for a status report on rehabilitation of the children and also legal action taken against erring officials, apart from seeking probe by a special investigation team into these cases.