

One Phone Call away from Help - 1098

When Sanjay Rawat (name changed for protecting the identity), an 11-year-old boy from Bihar, managed to escape from captors who used him for begging for four months, he knew he was not safe and secure yet. Sanjay was wandering about in Sagar city far from his village. Back home, his parents had started frenetic searches from 10 January 2014 onwards when he was kidnapped while going to the bus stop. The searches yielded no good news for the hapless parents and the child started his miserable journey. Sanjay's captors brought him to Sagar and forced him into begging. Child Line network managed in Sagar by Manav Vikas received a call from the railway police after they spotted Sanjay walking aimlessly on railway platform. Manav Vikas produced the child before Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and an alert was sounded all across India with the help of Child Line network. Since the child's dialect was similar to Bhojupuri, the search for parents was intensified in Bihar. Finally, the Child Line network managed to trace Sanjay's parents. On 16 May 2014, Manav Vikas facilitated the reunion of Sanjay with his parents after four months of captivity.