

DR. N. C. SAXENA, COMMISSIONER AND

HARSH MANDER, SPECIAL COMMISSIONER OF THE SUPREME COURT

IN THE CASE: PUCL v. UOI & Ors. WRIT PETITION (Civil) No. 196 of 2001

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March 29, 2007  
food schemes/485/Maharashtra

Dr. D. K. Sankaran  
Chief Secretary  
Government of Maharashtra  
Secretariat,  
Mumbai,  
Maharashtra.

**Sub: Implementation of food and employment schemes for Kollam tribals in Yavatmal District.**

Dear Dr. Sankaran,

As you are aware, we are monitoring food and employment schemes in our capacity as Commissioners of the Supreme Court in the Writ Petition 196 of 2001 (PUCL Vs. Union of India and others).

Our attention has been drawn to a large number of deaths amongst the Kollam tribals in the past, largely due to malnutrition and causes aggravated by malnutrition.

We are told that the situation is particularly severe in Yavatmal district. We are certain that the State Government is seized of the situation and is taking appropriate steps to ensure that the coverage of food and employment which can prevent such deaths is adequate.

We would be grateful if you could send us a detailed report on the status of the food and employment schemes, particularly in Yavatmal district and in reference to the Kollam tribals, within a fortnight.

With Regards,

Dr. N.C. Saxena

Harsh Mander