

**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**

August 12th, 2007
Relief Colonies/Follow-up /503 / Gujarat

Shri Sudhir Mankad
Chief Secretary
Government of Gujarat
Ghandhi Nagar

Dear Shri Mankad,

Subject: Status of implementation of food schemes in the relief colonies of people displaced by the communal violence in 2002.

As you are aware, we are monitoring the implementation of food and employment related schemes of the Government and the implementation of the orders of the Supreme Court in Writ Petition (Civil) 196/2001, PUCL v. Union of India and others.

It is in this context that we had written to you earlier with a request to provide us information on the status of the implementation of food and employment schemes in the relief colonies of people displaced by the communal violence of 2002.

We had also submitted a detailed report to the Supreme Court with a request for the following steps to be immediately taken up in the 81 relief colonies that we had mentioned in our report:

1. All families who continue to live in relief colonies must be given Antyodaya cards, as internally displaced persons, who lost all their belongings, face fear and economic boycott, and are too afraid to return to their original homes.
2. Primary schools with mid day meals should be opened in all 81 relief colonies immediately, and in any case not before the next financial year. The location of the school should be such that it is accessible not only to the residents of the camp, but to the surrounding host communities, to promote integration.
3. All 81 colonies should have fully functioning ICDS centres with the entire contingent of nutrition and health services, within 2 months.
4. PDS shops should be opened in all colonies where these are not available within a distance of 3 kilometres.
5. There should be a drive within 3 months to ensure that all eligible persons for NOAPS and widows pensions receive these.
6. Job cards under NREGA should be issued in all NREGA districts to all residents of relief colonies who are desirous of these.

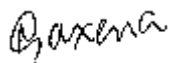
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Kindly provide us with an updated report on the steps that you have taken with detailed figures for each of the schemes.

We would also be grateful if the Government of Gujarat could kindly provide us with detailed information on the following, which pertain to those who were affected by the violence but were living outside the 81 relief colonies.

- a) Details of the numbers of BPL/ Antodaya and Annapurna cardholders who were affected by the communal violence and whether alternative ration cards were distributed to them by the government of Gujarat since the cards of a large number of riot affected people were destroyed.
- b) An updated list of all resettlement/ rehabilitation colonies where riot-affected people are currently residing.
- c) Status of services being provided under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) in these resettlement colonies.
- d) Details of the numbers of BPL card holders who are eligible for wage employment under the NREGS in those districts which are covered by the NREGS and which were affected by communal violence.
- e) Details of all the internally displaced persons who have been given Antodaya cards.
- f) Details of whether these internally displaced persons have received entitlement under the National Old Age Pension Scheme and the National Maternity Benefit Scheme / Janani Suraksha Yojana.

We would be grateful if this information could be provided to us within a fortnight.



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Harsh Mander