

**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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February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009.  
Survey/616/J and K.

Mr. Hilal Ahmad Parray  
Incharge Director  
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Srinagar 190004  
J and K

**Sub: Regarding the implementation of Food schemes in the State.**

Dear Mr. Hilal Ahmad,

As you are aware, in our capacity as Commissioners of the Supreme Court in CWP 196/2001, PUCL v. UOI and others, we monitor the implementation of the food and employment related schemes in the country which fall under the purview of the case including the ICDS, MDMS, NREGA, NOAPS, TPDS, NMBS /JSY, NFBS.

In this context we are conducting a survey on the access of widows to food and livelihood schemes in all the 10 districts of Kashmir. For this purpose we have requested **the students of Social work, university of Kashmir and few NGOs** to assist us with conducting the survey in kashmir.

The survey involves interviewing widows in almost 15 villages in each of the 10 districts of Kashmir and, therefore, we need the list of the widows for the villages to be surveyed who are either covered under widows pension or old age pension or any other scheme of the Central or State government, mentioned separately. We are enclosing the format, and would appreciate if the information would be provided in the same format for each village.

We would be grateful if you could kindly inform all the District Social welfare officers regarding this and students can personally collect the lists from their office. We would also request you kindly ensure that all the District Social welfare officers and Block development officers of all the 10 district of Kashmir will co-operate with the students of social work and render them any other assistance that they may require.

We are enclosing the list of villages for each district herewith and would also like to request you if there are some other villages which have high concentration of widows but are not included in our list, please consider adding those villages in the list.

Needless to add, the draft survey results will be shared by me with the State Government and the final report submitted to the Supreme Court Commissioners.

Warm regards,



Harsh Mander