

March 30th, 2009.

All schemes/628/Bihar.

Shri. R J Mohan Pillai
Chief Secretary
Government of Bihar,
Main Secretariat
Patna
Bihar.

Sub: Regarding the implementation of food and employment related schemes in Bihar.

Dear Shri. Pillai,

Thank you for convening a meeting to discuss issues regarding Kosi rehabilitation and other schemes connected with the case CWP 196/2001.

We had agreed on the following:

1. The state government will once urgently again reconsider the suggestions contained in my report to the Supreme Court, which broadly proposes saturation and priority enhanced allotments for all food and livelihood programmes in the areas affected by the Kosi floods, and submit its position regarding this to us and the Court. A copy of that report was also sent to you vide our letter dated November 10th, 2008.
2. Soon after the elections (in the last week of May 09) we will commission a Joint Enquiry into the situation of the affected people in the flood affected region. The Commission will have two representatives each from the state government and the Commissioners of the Supreme Court.

**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**

3. There has been no response to our correspondence regarding problems and progress in all the food and livelihood schemes monitored by us for the Supreme Court. You had said that the Nodal Officer appointed by the state government for this case is now the Principal Secretary Social Welfare Ms. S S Siddhoo, and she kindly agreed to compile information and send it to us. I request that you please compile particularly responses to our letters: Icds.coverage/518/allstates; NREGA/519/allstates; ICDS/526/Bihar; NMBS/555/Bihar ,Allschemes/590/Bihar and Data request/596 /all states, for our report to the Supreme Court, latest by 30 April 09.

Warm regards,

Harsh Mander