

**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**

24th August, 2009

SNP/668/Assam

Chief Secretary,
Government of Assam,
Guwahati 781006.

Sub: Violation of Supreme Court orders relating to the Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme in Nagaland.

Dear Shri P.C. Sarma,

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 and NFBS.

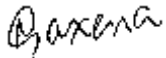
Based on our correspondence with you (**Tanveer please add the letter number**) it has come to our attention that the Government of Assam has been providing hot cooked food to children under 3 years of age. Kindly let us know how the food for this category of children is distributed, whether as Take Home Ration (THR) or through on-site feeding.

Our 9th Report also notes that the per child expenditure on SNP in Assam is Rs. 0.80, which is a violation of the Supreme Court order of 13th December, 2006 which directs

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state governments to spend atleast Rs. 2 per child per day. Furthermore, the Supreme Court order of 22nd April 2009 directs state governments to spend Rs. 4 per child per day. The order also directs state governments to increase the calorie norm to 500 calories per child. Please provide us with details of the steps taken by the state government to redress the situation and comply with this order, as well as details of the additional snack to be provided under the new norms.

With Regards,



Dr. N.C. Saxena



Harsh Mander