

**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**

October 16th, 2009
Allschemes/726/Manipur

Shri D.S. Poonia,
Chief Secretary,
Government of Chattisgarh,
Dau Kalyan Singh Bhawan, Mantralaya,
Raipur-492001.

Sub: Implementation of food schemes.

Dear Shri. Poonia,

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.

We have separately written in detail about the issues that need in depth discussion vide our letters: icds.coverage/518/allstates, NREGA/519/allstates and ICDS/586/Manipur. However we regret to inform you that we are yet to receive responses to our letters. We request you to provide us with the responses at the earliest along with responses to the queries listed below. We are attaching copies of the above mentioned letters for your perusal.

In addition, a number of issues have come to our attention. They are listed below.

Integrated Child Development Services

1. NFHS 3 indicates that only 47% of all children receive the required immunisations. We urge you to treat this as a matter of top priority and ensure that all children benefit from immunisation.

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2. Our 7th report to the Supreme Court notes that 259997 children receive SNP under ICDS in Manipur. However, the number of children under 6 years of age as per the AW survey register is 352352. This means that a large section of the eligible child population is not benefitting from SNP. Kindly provide an explanation for the same.
3. Our 7th report to the Supreme Court notes that the per day expenditure per child in 2006-07 was only Rs. 1.88. This is a violation of Supreme Court order dated 13 December 2006 which instructs all State Governments and Union Territories to fully implement the ICDS scheme. In light of the revision in nutrition and feeding norms deriving from the Supreme Court order dated 22.04.2009 raising the per capita expenditure to Rs. 4 per child per day for normal children, Rs. 6 per child per day for severely malnourished children and Rs. 5 for pregnant women, lactating mothers and adolescent girls. Please provide us with information regarding the unit cost for the various categories of beneficiaries.

Mid-day Meal Scheme

4. Our Seventh Report notes that only 12.7% of schools in Manipur have adequate drinking water facilities. Please look into the matter at the earliest.

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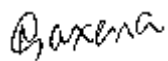
5. The report notes that only 15.2% of women are covered under NMBS. Furthermore, 0% of women who underwent home deliveries received benefits under JSY. In addition, only 17.1% of funds allocated under JSY were utilised. Please look into the matter on a priority basis and send us an Action Taken Report. We would like to remind you that the Supreme Court order dated 20th November, 2007 reiterated that the benefit of Rs. 500 must be paid to all BPL pregnant women irrespective of place of delivery, number of children and age of woman. Not providing monetary benefit to women who had home deliveries is a violation of this order and

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the earlier order of the Supreme Court; dated 28 November 2001. We request you to kindly issues orders to the implementing officials to provide benefit in the scheme to all BPL women.

We would be grateful if you could kindly look into the above listed matters on priority and inform us on the same at the earliest.

Warm Regards,



Dr. N.C. Saxena



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