

**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**

December 16th, 2009.
Starvation protocol/779/all states.

Shri. P. Ramakanth Reddy,
Chief Secretary,
Hyderabad,
Andhra Pradesh.

Subject: Regarding state action in the context of allegations of starvation deaths.

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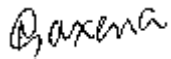
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Port Blair,
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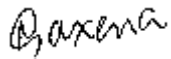
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Itanagar,
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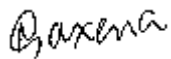
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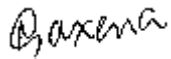
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Chief Secretary,
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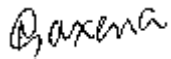
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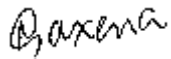
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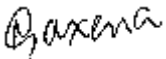
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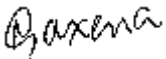
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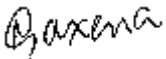
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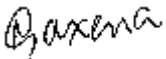
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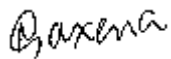
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Shri. D. Rajgopalan,
Chief Secretary,
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Gujarat.

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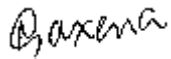
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Mrs. Urvashi Gulati,
Chief Secretary,
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Harayana.

Subject: Regarding state action in the context of allegations of starvation deaths.

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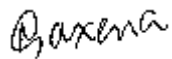
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Smt. Asha Swarup,
Chief Secretary,
Simla,
Himachal Pradesh.

Subject: Regarding state action in the context of allegations of starvation deaths.

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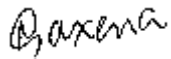
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Chief Secretary,
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Jammu & Kashmir.

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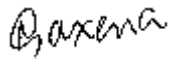
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Shri. Shiv Basant,
Chief Secretary,
Ranchi,
Jharkhand.

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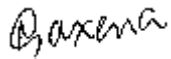
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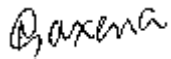
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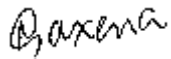
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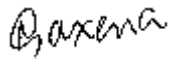
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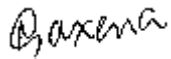
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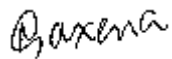
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Chief Secretary,
Imphal,
Manipur.

Subject: Regarding state action in the context of allegations of starvation deaths.

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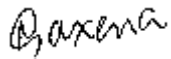
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Chief Secretary,
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Meghalaya.

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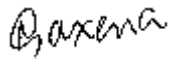
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Shri. Vanhela Pachuau,
Chief Secretary,
Aizwal,
Mizoram.

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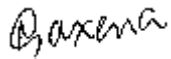
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Kohima,
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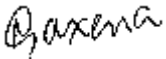
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Shri. Tarun Kanti Mishra,
Chief Secretary,
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Subject: Regarding state action in the context of allegations of starvation deaths.

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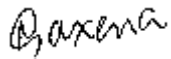
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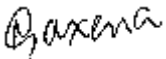
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Shri. Subodh C. Agrawal,
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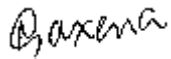
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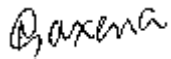
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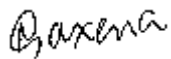
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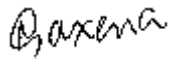
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Chief Secretary,
Chennai,
Tamil Nadu.

Subject: Regarding state action in the context of allegations of starvation deaths.

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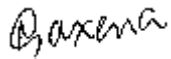
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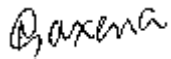
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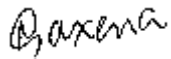
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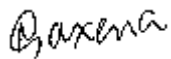
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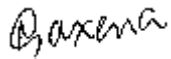
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