

**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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January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Homeless/827/Assam

Shri P C Sarma  
Chief Secretary  
Government of Assam  
Guwahati

**Sub: Information regarding shelters, community kitchens and ration cards for the homeless.**

Dear Shri. 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.

As you would already know, the Hon'ble Supreme Court passed an order on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 (Annexure A) directing all state governments to respond to our letter to the Supreme Court dated 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 (Annexure B) on the issue of providing night shelters, antyodaya cards and community kitchens for homeless people in urban areas and residential hostels for street children.

This order also states that this matter will be taken up by the Supreme Court on February 9<sup>th</sup>. In this regard, for our follow-up report to the Supreme Court we are collecting information provisioning of shelters and access to food to homeless people in all the states in the country including yours. **We request you to kindly send us the data before 5<sup>th</sup> February so that we are able to submit the report on time. We hope that you send the data on time so that we are able to present an accurate picture in the Supreme Court.**

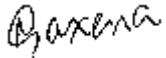
- **Number of temporary shelters for the homeless**
- **Number of permanent shelters for the homeless**
- **Number of community kitchens providing subsidised food for the homeless**
- **Number of Antyodaya cards distributed to the homeless**

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We would be grateful if you could kindly look into the above listed matters and respond to us at the earliest.

Warm Regards,



Dr. N.C. Saxena

CC: Director, Social Welfare and probation



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Annexure A: SC order

Annexure B: Letter to the Supreme Court