

**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**

May 29th, 2010
JCE/875/Orissa

Shri. Tarun Kanti Mishra,
Chief Secretary,
Government of Orissa
Bhuvaneshwar.

Subject: Constitution of a Joint Commission of Enquiry (JCE) to look into the incidence of repeated deaths due to hunger in Orissa.

Dear Shri. Mishra,

Reference:

- (i) Our letter of even number dated 24 February 2010 addressed on the aforementioned subject
- (ii) Government of Orissa, Planning and Coordination department's letter no 5995(2) dated 29 April 2010 in response to the above letter

We are pleased to nominate Dr. Sajjad Hassan, National Advisor with the Office of the SC Commissioners to the proposed JCE. The enquiry of the JCE will be followed by my visit to the state, to conduct a quick validation study, when I will also be pleased to meet with you and other concerned officials of the state government.


We now request you to designate an official, not below the rank of joint secretary to state government (preferably with experience of the ICDS programme), to the JCE.

The ToR of the JCE remains the same as in our previous letter above.

We would like the enquiry to get underway soon. Dr. Hassan should be reaching Bhubaneswar on or about 15th June 2010, (date to be confirmed).

Can I request the state government to make lodging and local travel arrangements for him in Bhubneswar and in the districts the JCE will be visiting. Can I also request you to kindly nominate an officer of the state government who this office can coordinate with to plan the visit.

Warm Regards,



Harsh Mander

CC: Rajkishor Mishra, State Advisor to the Commissioner to Supreme Court, Orissa