

**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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Chakma/985/Mizoram

Shri Vanhela Pachuau
Chief Secretary
Government of Mizoram
Aizawl

Sub: Alarming situation of Starvation in Mizoram.

Dear Shri. Pachuau,

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 received complaints from local organisation about an alarming situation of starvation in four villages namely Parva 1, Parva II, Parva III and Kamtuli under Chakma Autonomous District Council (CADC) of District Lawngtlai in Mizoram State. There are 800 Chakma tribal families comprising over 4,000 persons, including men, women and children, who according to our reports, have been starving for several weeks. Majority of families are extremely poor in the affected villages. The situation is more serious as these villages are located in remote areas near the Myanmar border.

It was also come to our notice that from October, 2010, no food grain under PDS has been issued to AAY and BPL card holders' families in these villages. The nearest godown in Longpuighar has no stock of rice where several PDS ration shops including Parva draw their food grain quota. Kindly investigate these reports, and share the reasons for non-supply of grain in Longpuighar Rice Godown.

We would like to bring it to your notice the Supreme Court order dated 29th October 2002 which clearly states that the state is responsible for any of the starvation death occurring in its jurisdiction. The order also directs the government to initiate necessary action to prevent such incidence.

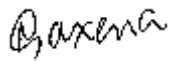
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Therefore, in pursuance of this order we would urge the state government to kindly take the following action in urgency:

- a. Direct to the concerned officials and ensure immediately adequate food grain supply to Longpughat Godown.
- b. Please ensure that all BPL and AAY card holder families should be provided their quota of grain for the present month and backlog from the month of October 2010.
- c. Please ensure that all persons who don't have ration cards and have applied for the ration cards should be provided within at earliest.

We highly appreciate if the state government can undertake a survey in all these villages and identify the families who suffer from acute malnutrition, identify starvation & hunger related deaths (if any) and share information on the full coverage of all these residents of all food and livelihood schemes such as ICDS, MDM, NREGA and pensions in the district Lawngtlai. Please also send us a copy of instructions that would be issued in this direction and an action taken report within one month.

With regards,



Dr. N.C. Saxena



Harsh Mander

- Cc: 1. Deputy Commissioner, Lawngtlai District,
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