

**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**

March 8th, 2010.
JCE/790/Assam.

Shri. P C Sarma
Chief Secretary
Government of Assam
New Secretariat
Assam.

Subject: Constitution of a Joint Commission of Enquiry to look into the status of the implementation of food and livelihood schemes in all the relief camps in Assam.

Dear Shri. Sarma,

You will be aware that the Office of the Commissioners of the Supreme Court is designated to monitor the implementation of food related welfare schemes of the Government and the implementation of the orders of the Supreme Court in Writ Petition (Civil) 196/2001, PUCL v. Union of India and others.

In previous visits to the state, the Special Commissioner Mr. Harsh Mander had raised the problems of minorities and adivasi populations who have been forced to live for many years in camps, and have been deprived almost all the food and social security schemes being monitored by the Commissioners for the Supreme Court. The Commissioners issued directions to the state government to fully cover the vulnerable populations in these camps with AAY cards, ICDS centres, schools with MDM, pensions and maternity benefits etc. The state government has undertaken steps in this direction and is appreciable that there has been some improvement in providing services to the people living in relief camps through the last two years, but the status now needs to be confirmed.

In the last meeting held to review the food, social security and livelihood schemes with you and other Secretaries, held on 26th October in Guwahati, it was agreed that a Joint Commission will be constituted which would include up to 3 members nominated by the Commissioners and a similar number nominated by the State and they would visit all the relief camps in Assam, and will compile a report on the status of the implementation of food and livelihood schemes in the relief camps. The minutes of the last meeting are enclosed herewith for your perusal.

We are nominating the following three members:

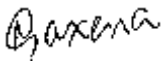
1. Dr. Sunil. Kaul, Advisor to Commissioners to Supreme Court.
2. Ms. Monisha Behal, Chairperson, North East Network, Guwahati
3. Dr. Monirul Hussain, HOD, Political science Department, Gawahati University, Guwahati

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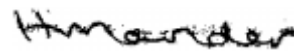
We are requesting our Adviser in Assam, Dr. Sunil Kaul to convene the JCE and would request you to nominate three officials including a senior official, not less than the rank of a Joint Secretary (preferably with experience of the ICDS programme) to be part of the JCE. The purpose of the JCE is not just to investigate individual instances but also to suggest longer term measures for dealing with such problems.

We request you to ensure that the work of the JCE be completed no later than 30th April 2010.

Warm Regards,



Dr. N. C. Saxena



Harsh Mander

CC: Dr. Sunil Kaul, Advisors to the Commissioners to the Supreme Court, Assam.