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The Chairman

National Human Rights commission

Manav Adhikar Bhawan

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New Delhi- 110023

Respected Sir,

This is to bring your attention on the situation of some villagers in the village of Boaldaha under Bangaon Police Station in the district of North 24 Pargana, where these villagers are devoid of proper ration cards and thereby deprived from public distribution system. Even in this critical time of nationwide covid 19 pandemic and long time lockdown and Amphan disaster, where people are not engaged in any work or trade, these villagers did not get the ration items.

In the Boaldaha village total about 3000 villagers are residing out of which 60% are Muslim and rest 40% are Hindus. Main occupation of the villagers is agriculture and fishing. About 45% of the total area of the village is agricultural field and about 30% is water body and rest 25% area is residents of the villagers. Distance between the border fencing and International Border Pillar is somewhere 500 meter and somewhere 700 meter. Border Security Force personnel restricted the fishermen for fishing from the wetlands and even they also restricted the movements of the agricultural field worker.

The affected villagers several times visited to the Bangaon Food and Supplies Office to enroll themselves and their family members in public distribution system and applied for proper ration card but as of now those affected villagers have not received the same. The Food and Supplies Office, Bangaon asked them to fill the required forms; which they complied but still no cards have been issued; for last one year, the governmental departments are making false promises by saying that they will receive ration cards very soon.

On 21.03.2020 the Chief Minister of West Bengal announced that people will be getting subsidized rice and wheat free of cost (maximum of five kilos a month).

https://www.timesnownews.com/india/article/coronavirus-west-bengal-news-free-rice-under-pds-for-6-months-announces-mamata-banerjee/567208 .

But in reality these people are denied these benefits.

The Government of India also assured the same to the people of India, through the provision of providing food through PDS, even to those who do not possess ration cards.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/pmo-weighs-food-for-all-may-do-away-with-need-for-ration-card-ids/articleshow/75112950.cms?from=mdr

Ration dealer Mr. Sahajan Mondal (M.R. number 200701100038) does not giving them ration items in any way without proper ration cards and instead of filling up proper forms, concerned authority till date does not provide them ration cards.

The details of the affected villagers have been provided here under –

Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name	Address	Application Form No.	Ration card type	Dealer Name	M.R. no.
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Shila Sarkar	Dinesh Sarkar	Susama Sarkar	"		SPHH	Sajahan Mondal	2007011 00038

These six villagers are denied of minimum Governmental beneficial facilities in ration distribution process. They several times requested to the concerned Food and Supplies office in Bangaon Block. But no one thinking about the problems of these villagers and no measures has been taken by the district administration till date.

These villagers are living in misery. During the time of lockdown and covid 19 pandemic, they have no money in their hand and the district administration also does not listen to their problems. Through its landmark decision in the public interest litigation Petition (Civil) No. 196/2001, People Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) v. Union of India & Others, the Supreme Court explicitly established a constitutional human right to food and determined a basic nutritional floor for India's impoverished millions but in this case the district administration and Food and Supplies Office of Bangaon did not take any steps over this matter. These public officials should be charged with contempt of court as they violated the guidelines of the Apex Court and silent and inactive over this problem of the villagers.

This unresponsive attitude of the government and the district administration towards the people of Boaldaha village is in violation of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and Articles 11 of International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Goals number 2 of Sustainable Development Goals and for both these international instruments Government of India is a party.

Are the provisions of Fundamental Rights dead during Corona war? Life is life, all lives are as godly but the concerned authorities think otherwise. Is this our spirit of humanity? Why these poor people are being victimized of this situation or our governments become anti-poor?

I therefore, urge you to make urgent intervention into the matter by directing the concerned authorities to provide the above mentioned residents of the Boaldaha village in the district of North 24 Pargana with proper ration cards and get the required amount of ration stuffs as declared by the State of West Bengal and the Government of India.

Thanking you,

Yours truly

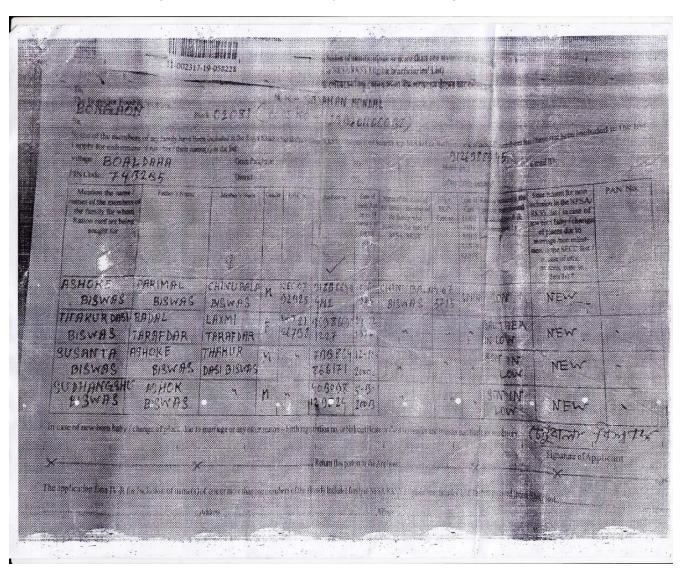
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Assistant Secretary

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Attached Documents

Application form for Digital Ration card filled up by the affected villagers



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