

During this Critical situation of nationwide lock down the villagers did not get 100 days work under MGNREGA project and amount of food grains allowed by the government.

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Respected Sir

Through this complaint I want to state the actual scenario of the people of Indo-Bangladesh border who are residing in the village of Ramnagar Nayansukpur, Jinnat Para under Kalinagar Gram Panchayat, Raninagar II Block and Domkol Sub Division in the district of Murshidabad. It is the State's negligence towards the villagers of Ramnagar Nayansukpur, Jinnat Para. It is shameful that after more than seventy years of our independence, the dwellers of this bordering village continue to live in condition of poverty, uncertainty and lack of social security schemes.

This particular complaint is with respect to the lack of employment opportunities available to them under the MGNREGA schemes. The villagers have been given job cards but none of them have received any jobs in spite of this. The villagers of Ramnagar Nayansukpur, Jinnat Para collectively went to Gram Panchayat Pradhan of Kalinagar Gram Panchayat to raise this concern but the respective Panchayat did not given any response in this regard.

Mr. Ajahar Molla, one villager of Ramnagar Nayansukpur, Jinnat Para said to our District Human Rights Monitor that the Panchayat always provide those people hundred days work under MGNREGA project who are their cadres and the Panchayat did not give them any importance.

Due to the lack of employment opportunities, the people of the village of Ramnagar Nayansukpur, Jinnat Para have been migrating to other cities in search of jobs. They leave their families behind and there are several risks involved to their well-being because of this migration. This apathetic attitude violates directives laid down in writ petition (Civil No.196 OF 2001) People's Union for Civil Liberties vs. Union of India & Ors also violates Sustainable Development Goals.

Now this time the villagers of Ramnagar Nayansukpur, Jinnat Para under tremendous penniless condition do not run their life in this critical situation of nationwide lockdown due to spread of pandemic Covid 19 virus. Government issued standard operating procedure for implementation of MGNREGA during this bad situation throughout the country where it is mentioned that keeping in view of the distressed situation among the rural poor and laborers erstwhile migrated to cities and have returned to their own villages and in order to provide handholding support in terms of livelihood security to these people as well as the targeted vulnerable sections such as landless and manual casual labour or deprived section as per the SECC 2011 & household of SC families, ST families, PMAY-G beneficiaries, SHG's members, Women headed families and differently-able headed families, Mahatma Gandhi NREGA can be the best available options to provide wage employment and thereby creating sustainable individual and community assets for enhancing livelihood security directly linked to livelihood i.e., Agriculture, Horticulture, Sericulture, Fishery and livestock. Instead of this standard operating procedure, these villagers did not get any chance to work under MGNREGA project during this critical stage.

Besides this, they are also deprived of required amount of ration stuffs. Mr. Ajhar Molla and Nisan Ali told to our District Human Rights Monitor that in this time of lockdown they only received such amount of ration from the ration shop with which they can run one week. When they complained this fact to Mr. Moslem Ali, ration dealer of that area and claimed required amount of ration stuffs, he gave no importance to them. Be it mentioned that 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). But the villagers here are not provided with such amount of food grains.

Several times the villagers applied to the Block Development Officer of Raninagar II Block but till date no action has been taken on that front. Herein under I provide a list of villagers' name who is deprived by the concerned authorities either in social security schemes or rationing stuffs.

Serial no.	Name	Father's name	Job Card no.	Complaint sent to BDO, Raninagar II
1	Ajhar Molla	Mojjuddin Molla	12220108068	On 17.04.2020 through Whatsapp from 9064528817 to 9434770036(BDO, Raninagar II)
2	Jakariya Islam	Sultan Mondal	12220108096	On 27.04.2020 through Whatsapp from 7718708821 to 9434770036 (BDO, Raninagar II)
3	Sufiya Sultana	Jakariya Islam	12220108096	On 27.04.2020 through Whatsapp from 7718708821 to 9434770036 (BDO, Raninagar II)
4	Nirash Mondal	Faijuddin Mondal	12220108078	On 18.04.2020 through Whatsapp from 7872437830 to 9434770036 (BDO, Raninagar II)
5	Abdul Mannan	Paran Mondal	12220106009	
6	Hafijul Isla	Abdul Mannan	12220106402	On 19.04.2020 sent through Whatsapp from 8250771504 to 9434770036 (BDO, Raninagar II)
7	Saidul Shaikh	Abdul Mannan	12220106312	On 19.04.2020 sent through Whatsapp from 8250771504 to 9434770036 (BDO, Raninagar II)
8	Enamul Hoque	Saifuddin	12220106133	On 19.04.2020 sent through Whatsapp from 8250771504 to 9434770036

				(BDO, Raninagar II)
9	Dulal Shaikh	Siddik Shaikh	12220106035	On 18.04.2020 sent written complaint to BDO, Raninagar II
10	Jiyarul Islam	Dulal Shaikh	12220106385	On 18.04.2020 sent written complaint to BDO, Raninagar II
11	Monirul Islam	Dulal Shaikh	12220106411	On 18.04.2020 sent written complaint to BDO, Raninagar II

All are residing at village Ramnagar Nayansukpur, Jinnat Para; Post office Jinnat Para, Gram panchayet Kalinagar, Block Raninagar II, Sub Division Domkal in the district of Murshidabad.

The present situation is violating Article 14 and Article 21 of the Constitution of India. 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 residents of Ramnagar Nayansukpur, Jinnat Para village in the district of Murshidabad with minimum employment guaranteed under the MGNREGA scheme 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

Attached Documents



