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To  
The Chairperson  
National Human Rights Commission  
Manav Adhikar Bhawan  
Block-C, GPO complex, INA  
New Delhi-110023

Respected Sir

Through this complaint I want to state the situation of the West Bengal-Bangladesh border populace who are residing in the village of Char Saheb Nagar under Malibari-I Gram Panchayat, Raninagar II Block of Domkol Sub Division in the district of Murshidabad. The marginalised villagers are being subjected to severe negligence by the government as they are devoid of any governmental support and social benefit 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 Char Saheb Nagar village lodged complaint to the Block Development Officer of Raninagar II block through whatsapp but no action was taken on his behalf.

Due to the lack of employment opportunities, the villagers of Char Saheb Nagar have been migrating to other states in search of jobs. They leave their families behind facing several risks involved to their well-being because of the migration. This apathetic attitude of the government towards the marginalised population 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.

Under the present situation of nationwide lockdown due to spread of pandemic Covid 19 virus these unfortunate villagers are suffering even more as they do not have any means of earning livelihood. Government issued standard operating procedure for implementation of MGNREGA during this lockdown phase throughout the country where it is mentioned that keeping in view of the distressed situation among the rural poor and laborers who 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-abled 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. But despite 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. Sadhu Mondal and Kusum Mondal, two villagers told to our District Human Rights Monitor that even in this time of lockdown, ration dealer Jugal Mondal is giving less products than standardised, from his ration shop. 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.

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.

<b>Seria I no.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Father's name</b>	<b>Job Card no.</b>	<b>Complaint sent to BDO, Raninagar II</b>
1	Sadhu Mondal	Rishipada Mondal	12220105287	on 18/4/2020, From Whatsapp no 917478954070 to 919434770036
2	Bhakti pada Mondal	Jiten Mondal		On 22/4/2020 to Whatsapp no. 91943677036 from 917478954070
3	Mahadeb Mondal	Rishipada Mondal	12220404142	on 22/4/2020 to WhatsApp no 919434770036 From 917478954070
4	Kusu Mondal	Rishipada Mondal	12220405349	on 22/4/2020 to Whatsapp no. 919434770036 from 917478954070
5	Sukumar Mondal	Rishipada Mondal	12220104233	on 22/4/2020 Whatsapp no. 91943477036 From 917478954070
6	Krishna Mondal	Sukchand Mondal	12220104388	on 22/4/2020 to Whatsapp no 919434770036 from 917478954070
7	Shaktipada Mondal	Jiten Mondal		on 22/4/2020 to Whatsapp no. 919434770036
8	Jogonnath Mondal	Sukchand Mondal	12220104123	on 22/4/2020 to Whatsapp no. 919434770036 From 917478954070
9	Sanat Mondal	Baidyonath Mondal	12220104234	on 22/4/2020 to Whatsapp no. 919434770036 From 917478954070
10	Sahadeb Mondal	Rishipada Mondal	12220104545	
11	Saj Mondal	Rishipada Mondal	12220105289	on 22/4/2020 to Whatsapp no. 919434770036 From 917478954070

All of the above are from Char Sahebnagar village, Malibari I Gram panchayet, Block Raninagar II, Sub Division Domkal in the district of Murshidabad.

The present situation is a clear violation of Article 14 and Article 21 of the Constitution of India. I therefore, urge your urgent intervention into the matter by directing the concerned authorities to provide the residents of Char Sahebnagar 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

Dipyaman Adhikary

Assistant Secretary



### **Attached Documents**

Pictures of affected villagers

