

Report of village level meetings held at Cooch Behar district on (26-29 October 2018)

26.10.2018



Masum organised total 5 meetings in Mekhligunj, Coochbihar. Out of them two meetings were held at erstwhile enclaves namely Chit Balapukuri and 22 kuchlibari and 3 meetings were held at border nearing villages namely 104 Fulkadabri, 99 Fulkadabri and 115 Upanchowki Kuchlibari. At chit Balapukuri the meeting was conducted by Amra Chitmoholbasi where they conveyed the issues on erratically implemented social welfare schemes and they committed to lodge one written deputations on entire problems before DM in coming month. This will be done by Amra Chitmoholbasi.

At 22 kuchlibari 16 families out of 56 are residing opposite part of Sati River. Not a single Government welfare scheme has been initiated in this village yet. After the meeting they committed to join Amra Chitmoholbasi committee which was created at the other part of the erstwhile enclave, to make their protest stronger.

At 3 mentioned bordering villages the problems are almost same. Their life and livelihoods is obstructed by BSF every now and then. Most of the villagers have their lands at the other side of fence which were not accessible due to whimsical behaviour of BSF personnel. First time Masum visit at those villages and after the meetings they committed to form Amra Simantabasi within 15 days to shape their protest.

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Masum organised 4 village level meetings at erstwhile Bangladeshi enclaves namely Jagatber 3, Jagatber 1+2, Jor Nijam and Nolgram+Falnapur+ Jongra. Among these enclaves Masum for the first time visited at Jagatber 1+2 and Jor Nijam. The dwellers of these enclaves too are complaining about the erratically implementation of social welfare schemes. After the meetings they committed to form "Amra Chitmoholbasi " at their respective erstwhile enclaves and will participate in the movement for their rights.



In Jagatber 3 and Nolgram, Falnapur Jongra meetings were organised by Amra Chitmoholbasi committee. In the respective meetings they planned to lodge one mass deputation to address their problems in coming month.

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Masum organised one meeting with bordering villagers at Dighaltari village and Amra Chitmoholbasi organised another meeting at Uttar Bansjani erstwhile enclave.

Masum first time enter at Dighaltari village and observe their severe problems for living at Indo Bangladesh bordering areas. Still this place is not covered by fence but BSF personnel announced that they will cover the bordering areas by fence in near future. If this will be happened then most of the houses will be placed at the other side of fence. So the villagers demanded to place the fence at zero point. After the meeting they agreed to form Amra Simantabasi to form their protest.

At Uttar Bansjani erstwhile enclave , Amra Chitmoholbasi Committee first narrated their present situation and then MASUM proposed to start the protest program on entire problems at their respective enclave. They all agreed to do so.

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MASUM organised two village level meetings at Badalgir and Jagat balabari villages which are under Sahebganj PS, Bamanhat -2 GP. From these meetings MASUM clearly understands the real picture of BSF restrictions at respective villages. More than 30 families at each villages are situated at the opposite side of Indo Bangladeh border due to erratic fencing. Those villages are living a prison a like life due to high handedness of Border Security Force personnel posted there. Only 3 times of a day for one hour they can access the gates to come other side of the fence. Besides that BSF personnel are violating right to life, freedom of movement etc every now and then. These people are all agreed to form Amra Simantabasi committee to shape their protest for justice.

