

Baiga (PTG)-Mitanin Convention Report

21st March, 2012

Pandariya, Kawardha

To continue with SHRC and PHRN's initiative of bringing out the issues related to the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups' (PTG) health and accessibility to government services, another survey was conducted in Pandayira block of Kawardha district. The local organization supporting the study in the PTG block was Aastha Samiti.

The survey covered 117 families of Baiga tribe (PTG) in the block. The issues like Public Distribution System (PDS), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MNREGA), RSBY, availability of PTG Mitanins in PTG hamlet, and livelihoods were covered.

During the survey it was found that the community has multiple income generating sources, wages and dependency from the forest products being the major ones. They seem to be benefitted under the PDS scheme of the government with 98% of the respondents receiving 35kg of grains under the same. Around 99% of the families interviewed said that they have job cards under MNREGA, out of which 97% got work under this government scheme. The survey revealed that only 39% of the respondents have been enrolled under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojna (RSBY) and none of them have received treatment under the scheme. Only 3% of the families said that they have been benefitted under Janani Suraksha Yojna (JSY). 97% of the families said that they did not agree with the ban on sterilization for PTGs. The Indira Awaas Yojna has benefitted only 38% of the interviewed population. Also, low awareness about the Forest Rights Act was found among the respondents. Even some issues related to the ownership to the land were brought to notice during the survey.

The PTG-Mitanin Convention was organized on 21st March 2012 in Pandariya. The findings of the survey were presented during the convention. Apart from the participation of the PTG community, PTG Mitanins and Mitanin Trainers (MT) various government officials and people from different organizations also took part in the convention. The Block Medical Officer Dr. BL Raj, Ayurvedic Medical Officer Dr. Sharma, Janpad Member Mrs. Rathore, Mr. Vijay Jathore from Right to Food Campaign, Mr. Vivek Upadhyay from PHRN and Ms. Alka, District Coordinator (Mitanin Programme) participated in the programme.



Some of the issues brought to notice by the Baiga community and the Mitanins during the convention are as follows:

- Demand for Anganwadi centers so as to serve all and not only those in main hamlets
- Non-availability of transport system especially for pregnant women and other patients as 108 Sanjeevani Express and other private transport is not available for the villagers
- Selection of Baiga Mitanins in Baiga hamlets
- High out of pocket expenditure in public hospitals
- Ownership to the land
- Improper implementation of MNREGA in all the villages
- Lack of proper roads
- Mid Day Meals (MDM) not being given to the children in the schools



A local leader of Baiga community in the Pandariya block said that it's the people who now have to stand up for their own rights and make the most of the government services.

Dr. Raj and Dr. Sharma explained the people about various government programmes like RSBY, JSY, Mukhya Mantri Dawai Peti Yojana and Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK). They also assured that they would look into the matter where any extra money is charged by the doctors or other staff members for the treatment provided in the public hospitals.

बैगाओं का स्मार्ट कार्ड बनाने परहेज क्यों ?

कुकदर/कवर्धा, 4 अप्रैल (देशबन्धु)। महामहिम राष्ट्रपति के दत्तक पुत्र माने जाने वाले एवं राष्ट्रीय मानव की संज्ञा प्राप्त विशेष पिछड़ी जनजाति बैगा अपनी अधिकार और पहचान को कायम रखने के लिये आये दिन यात्रा पैली धरना प्रदर्शन कर अपनी समस्याओं को शासन और प्रशासन के सामने रखती है। यह दिलचस्प चाकिया है कि

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एक साधारण क्षेत्रिय तैल-अपने फोन से ही काम करवाना लेता है वहीं राष्ट्रीय मानव को भुख और प्यास लक्ष्य होकर अपनी दुर्दशा को कहानी हर बात गृहानी पड़ती है। बावजूद इसके जिला कलेक्टर की बैठकों में बैगाओं की समस्याओं को चर्चा न कराना अद्भुत विकास के सपने दिखाती है जहां बैगाओं को मुख्य धारा से जोड़ने के लिये पानी की तरह पैसा बहाया जा रहा है। वहीं बैगाओं की समस्याओं का निदान न कर पाना प्रशासन के लिये दुखद बात है। लगातार स्वास्थ्य समस्याओं से जुड़ते हुये बैगाओं के परिवारो के सदस्यों की मीते और दिनचरित बढ़ती गरीबी से परेशान बैगाओं को ईलाज के लिये सुविधा न मिल पाना बड़ी बदनसौबी है। हाल ही में सरमाजिक



संस्था आस्था समिति कवर्धा के द्वारा किये गये एक शोध अध्ययन से यह पता चला है कि राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य बीमा योजना अंतर्गत ३९ प्रतिशत परिवारो का ही पंजीयन हुआ है-जबकि ६१ प्रतिशत परिवार आज भी स्वास्थ्य सुविधा स्मार्ट कार्ड से वंचित है। इसी तरह जननी सुरक्षा योजना का लाभ केवल ३ प्रतिशत परिवारो के द्वारा ही लाभ लिया

गया है। जबकि ९७ प्रतिशत परिवार ऐसे है जिसके यहां जन्कों तो हुआ है लेकिन जननी सुरक्षा योजना का लाभ नहीं मिला है। सबसे हेरत और प्रशासन को सचेत करने वाली खबर यह है कि क्षेत्र मे एक भी बैगा परिवार आज तक राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य बीमा योजना अंतर्गत स्मार्ट कार्ड से ईलाज की सुविधा का लाभ प्राप्त नहीं किये है।

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