

Preliminary report

Survey on Five Major Social Entitlement Schemes Sundergarh District, May-June 2013¹

A survey conducted by the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi on five social schemes of the Government of India and Government of Odisha, was carried out from 26 May to 15 June 2013 in the Koraput District, Dasamantapur Block and Sundergarh District, Bisra Block in Odisha. The survey investigated the implementation of NREGS, the delivery of pensions to eligible beneficiaries, the implementation of the Mid Day Meal Scheme in government schools and of the Integrated Child Development Scheme in Anganwadis. It also looked at the functioning of the Public Distribution System in villages. Preliminary survey findings regarding the availability of ration cards whether APL, BPL, Antodaya or Annapurna and the distribution of pensions among eligible beneficiaries is enclosed in the annexures to this note.

In Bisra Block of Sundergarh district, the first village surveyed was Koparanda from Bhalulata panchayat where out of 25 surveyed households, 5 had reported that they had not received any ration cards. It was also found that pensions for three deceased persons were being claimed as per the acquaintance register. In Tulasikani village of Panchayat Tulasikani 6 out of 25 surveyed households reportedly have no ration cards and 2 households have both an A.P.L. card as well as a P.L.O. (Poor Left Out) card. There were also 4 households with eligible beneficiaries for pensions who did not receive pensions and 5 deceased persons in whose name pensions were being withdrawn according to the register. In Badabambua village of Panchayat Badabambua 5 out of 26 surveyed households had no ration cards, 1 household had both an A.P.L. card and a P.L.O. card and 2 households with eligible pension beneficiaries did not receive pensions and the pensions of 4 deceased persons were still being withdrawn according to the register. Finally in Udusu panchayat's Sarubahal village 5 out of 25 surveyed households had not received ration cards and 1 household did not receive pensions though there was an eligible beneficiary and the pensions of 3 deceased persons were still being withdrawn according to the register.

In Tulasikani village of Tulasikani GP, the survey team met and confronted the VEO A. K. Pradhan, in relation to pension disbursement to deceased persons. He admitted on camera that he was complicit in siphoning pension money against names of deceased persons. The administration should investigate this matter urgently.

The survey team also observed pension distribution on 15 June 2013, in Sarubahal village, Udusu Panchayat and Badabambua village, Badabambua Panchayat. In Sarubahal village irregularities were found in pension disbursement. Pension was distributed against the name of a deceased person. The amount of Rs.100/- being distributed for the purchase of umbrellas was being

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distributed by asking pension beneficiaries to sign on a blank register - photograph enclosed. Further, one Mr. Padmalochan Naik – mob. no. 9178818725 - was found to be assisting the VLW Mr. Kumar Sen Amat in government pension distribution on 15. 06.2013, although he has no post in the district administration whatsoever. In addition a complaint was received against GRS Sanjukta Mahato, regarding bribes extorted from pension beneficiaries who the GRS claimed to have helped in the past. These matters should be investigated by the district administration.

Respondents from randomly selected households in both Koraput and Sundargarh District were asked if they had requested ration cards and/or pensions, in cases where these were so far unavailable. Several cases of vulnerable families without access to pensions and ration cards came to light. These cases are detailed in the annexure.

Annexures

Sundargarh District, Bisra Block

Cases of deceased persons against whose names pension has been claimed

S. No.	Village / GP	Name of beneficiary	Name of scheme	Comments
1.	Kopranda / Bhalulata	Sumari Oram		Reported dead, but pension has been claimed as per acquaintance register
2.	- Do -	Guindi Oram	-	- Do -
3.	- Do -	Margaret Begs	-	- Do -
4.	Tulasikani / Tulasikani	Lundri Mahto	IGNOAPS	Reported dead, but pension has been claimed as per acquaintance register
5.	- Do -	Surmani Munda	IGNOAPS	- Do -
6.	- Do -	Gurbari Mahto	MBPY	- Do -
7.	- Do -	Laxman Tirkey	MBPY	- Do -
8.	Badbamua / Badbamua	Sukhmani Singh w/o Dinabandhu	IGNWP	Reported dead, but name still in register.
9.	- Do -	Bilu Naik		-
10.	Sarubahal / Udusu	Karmi Oraon w/o Samra	MBPY	Reported dead, but name still in register.

Names of pension beneficiaries on list in relation to whom enquiry is requested

S. No.	Village / GP	Name of beneficiary	Comments
1.	Tulasikani / Tulasikani	Makru Mahto s/o Mutu & MakruMahto s/o Madhu	Only one Makru Mahto in village, but name appears twice in the MBPY list.
2.	Badbamua / Badbamua	Ghumi Singh	Person not found & unknown in village
3.	- Do -	Sonari Singh	- Do -
4.	- Do -	Babi Mundari w/o Ramnath	Gets widow pension but is not a widow. Her husband is a Govt. Primary School teacher.
5.	Sarubahal / Udusu	Lalita Naik w/o Kalakar	Person not found & unknown in village
6.	- Do -	Nidra Tantry w/o Samuel	Not a widow, but gets widow pension
7.	- Do -	Ratni Tantry w/o Kusha	- Do -

The following is a list of proposed beneficiaries who should be considered for pension on a priority basis.

S. No	Village / GP	Name of proposed beneficiary OR Name of household member of proposed beneficiary as per the NREGA job card	Pension status	Remarks
1.	Sarubahal / Udusu	Chara Oram s/o Siman Oram	No pension received	Chara Oram should get old age pension
2.	- Do -	Ganga Oram s/o Jita	- Do -	OAP, should get pension
3.	Badbambua / Badbambua	Sambhu Gouda	- Do -	Eligible for old age pension
4.	- Do -	Pyaramani Singh	- Do -	- Do -
5.	- Do -	Bhunti Singh w/o Jagat Singh	Pension card was earlier made in the name of Jagat Singh and has recently been seized. A new card should be made for Bhunti Singh	Bhunti Singh is a widow and is an OAP, but does not get pension.
6.	- Do -	Lutki Singh w/o Sahdev [Nuatola]	No pension	OAP, should get pension on priority basis
7.	- Do -	Tijni Singh w/o Chotu Singh [Nuatola]	- Do -	- Do -
8.	- Do -	Sukramani Munday w/o Jena Munday	- Do -	Widow, should be considered for widow pension on urgent basis. Should also be considered for Antyodaya card. At the moment, she has an APL card.
9.	Tulasikani / Tulasikani	Suka Oram	- Do -	Eligible for old age pension; Family ID – 3531
10.	- Do -	Fulmani Xalxo	- Do	Eligible ; Family ID – 3503
11.	- Do -	Mahadev Lohar	- Do -	Eligible; Family ID – 3621
12.	- Do -	Bandana Oram	- Do	Eligible; Family ID

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13.	- Do -	Olli Oram	- No pension	Age around 70 years, should get pension
14.	- Do -	BanharaOram	- Do -	- Do -

The following is a list of households that do not have a ration card -

S. No	Village / GP	Name of beneficiary	Ration card status	Remarks
1.	Sarubahal / Udusu	Ata Oram	No ration card in household	
2.	- Do -	TikinaOram	- Do -	
3.	- Do -	BasudevOram	- Do -	
4.	- Do -	BirchaOram	- Do -	
5.	Badbambua / Badbambua	PradeepMahato	- Do -	
6.	- Do -	MangalMunday	- Do -	
7.	- Do -	RamkishorBadaik	- Do -	
8.	- Do -	Ghanysham Singh	- Do -	
9.	- Do -	Tegu Singh	- Do -	
10.	Kopranda / Bhalulata	HiraEkka	- Do -	
11.	- Do -	SamiaOram	- Do -	
12.	- Do -	Lorence Soy	- Do -	Family ID – 8891 A
13.	- Do -	DashrathKumbhar	- Do -	Family ID –8612
14.	- Do -	HiraMunda	- Do -	Family ID –8581
15.	Tulasikani / Tulasikani	Basmati Goud	- Do -	
16.	- Do -	Bharat Mahato	- Do -	Family ID – 3569A
17.	- Do -	LeelaMahato	- Do -	Family ID – 22666
18.	- Do -	FulmaniXalxo	- Do -	Family ID - 3503
19.	- Do -	BichaOram	- Do -	Family ID – 3553
20.	- Do -	HeremanXalxo	- Do -	Family ID – 3508s

The following is a list of beneficiaries whose households have two ration cards:

S. No	Village / GP	Name of beneficiary	Ration card status	Remarks
1.	Badbambua / Badbambua	Sukhnath Singh	Two cards in house – APL and PLO	
2.	Tulasikani / Tulasikani	GangiOram	Two cards in house – APL and PLO	Family ID – 3543
3.	- Do -	Pampa Oram	- Do -	Family ID – 3573