Prepping proper BPL list

A big challenge: Sudesh...

The Deputy Chief Minister, Sudesh Mahto, has said that the BPL list should be prepared properly. He was addressing the media capacity building workshop on Monday. Mahto, who was addressing the inaugural session of a two-day workshop on Media Capacity Building, said that several poor families in the state are still not on the BPL list. Their names have not been raised either by the Gram Panchayats or by the Tehsildars in the villages. We talk about strengthening the Gram Panchayats, but many a times Gram Sabhas do not have the courage to remove the names of families which do not deserve to be on the BPL list, Mahto said.

"It is very important to have an independent agency for the preparation of the BPL list," the Deputy Chief Minister said. The agency should be responsible for identifying and ensuring the implementation of schemes. However, the government of Jharkhand has mentioned that schemes should not be endorsed. The government should prepare schemes which are tailor-made for the rural economy. Schemes should be formulated in the villages and not in the government offices. The government should help in identifying the villagers who need assistance.

The workshop was organised by Inclusive Media, a media resource centre on India’s rural reality. Dr. Yuvraj Murdesh, the workshop’s director, said that the Rural Development Department had planned the workshop. He also said that the workshop would help the people to understand the importance of preparing proper BPL lists. Mahto also said that the rural bodies should also be given the responsibility of preparing BPL lists. He also said that the rural bodies should also be given the responsibility of preparing BPL lists.

The workshop was attended by the Rural Development Department officials, the Rural Development Department officials, and the Rural Development Department officials.