

To,  
The Chairperson  
NCPDR  
New Delhi

**Sub: Regional Training for PRI institutions during 7-9 December 2009**

*Respected Shantha ji,*

Thank you very much for inviting representatives from White Lotus Trust and PRI representatives from our work area at Hathin and Tavru block of Mewat. Eight Panchayat members including two Sarpanchs and two staff members of White Lotus Trust participated in the three days training program which is so beneficial for us in motivating the villagers in Mewat. The participants from Panchayat were so excited to get immense useful information that they now do not want to let this information go waste and are asking me every day that how can they pass on this information and knowledge among the villagers in the block.

One participant of the training Mr. Asruddin from village Rupraka was seen sitting in the bus which carried the participants of the training for field visit by the villagers of Kukarchati, the neighboring village of field visit village and met him after he went back after the three days training. The villagers asked Mr. Asruddin to do something about the problems in the school of the village where Mid Day Meals are not being provided for last three months. Mr. Asruddin called me asking for a meeting with the villagers. I visited the village on 11<sup>th</sup> December and met the villagers who complained about MDM. I also visited the school and met the teachers who informed that MDM is not being cooked as the govt. has not given wheat and rice for last three months. The teachers also informed that the school compound is encroached by some construction workers living in the village in the tents erected inside the school. The workers are also harassing the students of the school. Lots of building material is also lying inside the school creating hindrance for the children.



I visited another school also the same day in Hathin block to know about the reason for non availability of MDM and was informed that MDM is not being provided in many schools for some months as the grains are not made available to schools.

Two other participants of training program Mr. Randhir Singh and Mr. Jai Bhagwan from Tavru block of Mewat also called me and asked for organizing a meeting in their village to

disseminate information and knowledge gained during the training. I visited their village Nai Nangla in Tavru block on 13<sup>th</sup> December and organized a big meeting of people of village.

The villagers informed that the school in the village caters to more than 300 children from three villages and has only two teachers out of which one is rarely seen in the school. The children are going to school but are getting no education. The one teacher who is coming to school regularly is always busy with managing the children to sit and does no education work because of large number of children for one teacher. This school also serves MDM rarely, one in



a fortnight as informed by the villagers. Mr. Deenu, Panchayat member of village informed that he has knocked at every door for the improvement in school but had been turned away without any action. Mr. Jamshed also informed that he gave a written complaint at the school the previous day but his complaint was not received by the teachers.

We hereby request on behalf of the villagers and the Panchayat members who are motivated by the training program may be further encouraged by some action taken by the authorities to provide solutions to the problems at schools with kind support of NCPDR.



Looking forward to your kind support as ever.  
Thanks and warm regards

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