

Health and Helplessness

Report of NCPCR Visit to Adilabad (A.P.)

JULY 2008



Introduction

Hundreds of children as well as adults have succumbed to malaria, typhoid, high fever and other infections in the rural heart of Adilabad district of Andhra Pradesh and adequate medical facilities and help is not available. This was revealed during a public hearing held by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights at Gaadiguda village, Narnoor Mandal from June 29 to July 1, 2008. The Commission has asked the state government for an action taken report.

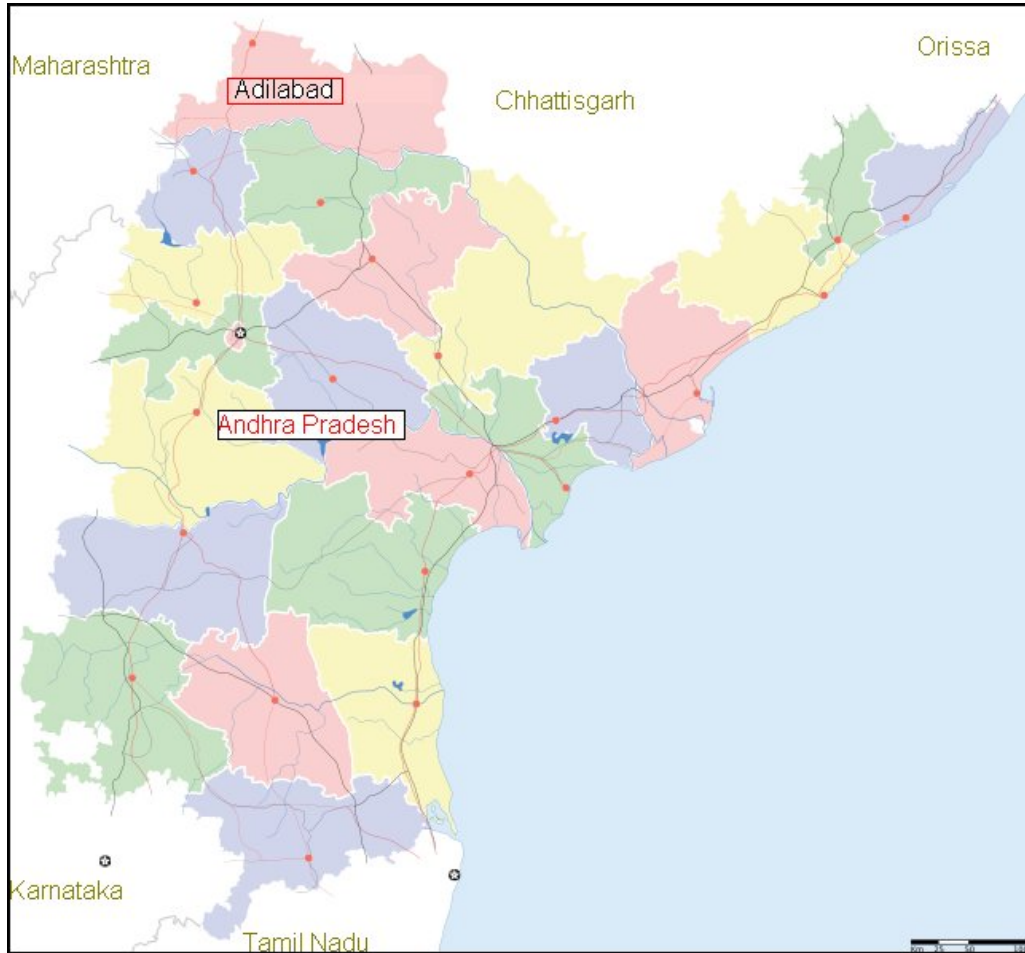
The Commission's decision to conduct a public hearing was based on newspaper reports in May of large scale fever deaths in the district and a written complaint that 186 persons had died of malaria and fever between September 2007 and February 2008 in the district. It also visited a primary health centre (PHC) in the district before the hearing. About 500 people from the five affected mandals of Janoor, Narnoor, Sirpur, Utnoor and Indervelly participated in the public hearing. Grievances were heard by the NCPCR chairperson Shantha Sinha, member Dipa Dixit, community health expert Manish Kakkar of the Public Health Foundation of India, Convenor of MV Foundation R. Venkat Reddy and consultant to NCPCR, Spurthi Reddy. Also present at the public hearing were the district collector, the local MLA and village and mandal level elected leaders.

About 50 people gave testimonies and over 200 written petitions were received replete with narratives of lives lost and families shattered. Children were the worst affected and anaemia and malnutrition was widespread. The public hearing showed that the villagers tried to avail of the existing health services by visiting the local PHC, ANM, or private hospitals and medical practitioners, not just in the district but in neighbouring districts as well. This is contrary to the commonly held view that the tribals have no faith in modern medicine. Malnutrition, coupled with lack of clean drinking water, poor sanitation and lack of transport facilities for many habitations compounded the epidemic. The PHCs and sub centres also lacked adequate trained staff. After the breakout of the epidemic the health services were stepped up, which helped arrest the epidemic.

Table 1: Distance of villages from the nearest PHC in the affected mandals

Mandal	0-5 Kms	5-10 Kms	>10 Kms
Indervelly	7	3	22
Jainoor	3	7	5
Narnoor	10	16	24
Sirpur (U)	3	6	16
Sirpur (T)	2	2	19
Utnoor	4	7	24
TOTAL	29	41	110

Source: National Population Stabilisation Fund, based on Census 2001 data



Map 1: Andhra Pradesh and Adilabad district

Source: www.en.wikipedia.org



Report of the team from National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)

Background:

NCPCR had received several complaints of deaths in the tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh due to high fever, viral infection, malaria, typhoid and so on in the year 2007. Based on a petition received by the commission from Adilabad District, and media reports of the cycle of fever among tribal communities especially in Adilabad District continuing even in this year, a team comprising of Dr Shantha Sinha, Chairperson NCPCR, Ms Dipa Dixit, Member NCPCR, Ms Spurthy Reddy, Consultant NCPCR, Mr. R. Venkat Reddy, National Convener, MV Foundation, Secunderabad, and Dr Manish Kakkar, Public Health Specialist, Public Health Foundation of India visited the affected areas of District Adilabad. The objectives of the visit were:

1. To have an insight to the plight of tribals (particularly children) reeling under extreme malnutrition, anaemia & other diseases in Narnoor Mandal, District Adilabad – Public Hearing in Gadiguda Village
2. Situation assessment of public health system in the affected areas of the district.
3. To suggest Specific steps to further strengthen public health measures initiated by the District and State authorities

Following methods were adopted to gather information and assess the situation:

1. Discussion with district authorities and review of reports and primary health records
2. Clinical examination of cases and investigation of death cases and interaction with key personnel/care takers

3. Field visit to the affected areas and interaction with the community including a public hearing

The team interacted with Shri LV Subramanyam, Principal Secretary (Health); Dr P Ramesh Chandra, Director of Health Services, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh; Shri Anil Punetha, Commissioner Family Welfare, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh; Shri Nadeem Ahmed, Collector & District Magistrate, Adilabad District; Shri Saurabh Gaur, Project Officer, Integrated Tribal Development Authority; Shri Babu Rao, MLA, Khanapur and other health officials and community leaders. Observations were shared and officials were briefed about the findings and recommendations of the team.

District profile:

District Adilabad is located on the northern part of Andhra Pradesh bordering with Chandrapur district on north and east and Yavatmal of Maharashtra on west while it borders with Nizamabad and Karimnagar on South. Total population of the district is about 2.6 million spread over 52 mandals of which 19 are tribal. Out of 19 mandals, 5 are schedule (having more than 75% tribal population) and remaining 14 are covered under Tribal Sub Plan (TSP). Narnoor mandal visited by the team is one of the 5 schedule mandals.

The population of the 5 schedule mandals (also identified as high risk mandals) is predominantly tribal and consists of: Gonds, Lambadas, Pradhans, Kolams, Mannewars and Naikapods. Kolams and Mannewars who are the primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs).

The health infrastructure available to the population includes:

- 11 PHCs functional in 5 high risk mandals; 3 PHCs in Narnoor mandal;
- 50 sub-centres functional in 5 high risk mandals
- 355 main and 186 mini Anganwadis/ ICDS Centres.

Following the episode of child deaths in late 2007 the District Administration employed an additional force of medical and paramedical staff. As per information from district authorities, currently, 2 medical officers for each PHC, 2 ANMs for each sub-centre and 327 ASHA workers are posted/ working in the 5 high risk mandals to bolster the local health care delivery system.

Itinerary of the team: 30.06.2008: Morning Travel to Gadiguda Village, Narnoor Mandal, Adilabad dt

11.00 to 15.00 Hrs Hrs :Public Hearing in Gadiguda Village, Narnoor Mandal, Panchayat Members, Mandal, Zilla Parishad members, Community Leaders

16.00 Hrs to 18.30Hrs: Review with the District Officials, Collector, DM&HO, P.D.ICDS. Deputy Director, Social Welfare and P.O.

01.07.2008: Meeting with Secretaries Health and Family Welfare, Women and Child Development and Education in Hyderabad.

Observations:

During its visit to the affected area, the team interacted with the community. Information was also obtained from the health staff which included District Medical and Health Officer, Medical Officer PHC and other paramedical staff at the PHC and Mandal PDO (ICDS). The following key observations were made:

Health care service and delivery offered:

The Medical Officers are posted on rotational basis; MOs from other neighbouring institutions have been lent to the system on a temporary basis to augment the strengths. Regular availability of staff at the institutions and consistency of field visits of paramedical staff could not be ascertained. Limited interaction with the community, local leaders and NGOs indicated lack of regularity.

Immunization services are not offered at the PHC; in the absence of dependable records of outreach services immunization status of the community could not be ascertained.

Labour room has been operational since last one year. PHC has conducted 35 deliveries in this one year.

PHC laboratory is equipped to perform Hemoglobin estimation, Urine routine examination (dip sticks method) and peripheral smear examination for malaria parasite. Cases requiring TB microscopy are referred to nearby TB microscopy centre. Water quality monitoring is not done by PHC.

Morbidity pattern:

Average OPD attendance of the PHC OPD is 35-40 patients in which fever cases are 5-8 per day and diarrhea/ vomiting account for 5-8 cases per day. Remaining patients report with ARI, skin infections, anaemia, jaundice, injuries and others.

Malnutrition/ Anaemia: malnutrition and anaemia is common in the population across all age groups including children. This was corroborated by observations of the Medical Officer serving the area. Some of these cases were examined by the team during its field visit. The same was also verified during the public hearing when case records of death cases (as produced by relatives) where severe anaemia was a laboratory confirmed finding.

Record of all the 5 high risk mandals, as produced by the ICDS officer, did not mention any child with severe malnutrition. It was also observed that records were incomplete.

Disease diagnosis:

Fever cases attending OPD are screened for Malaria parasite by blood smear examination; rapid kits are used only in the fields. There was no evidence of a regular Quality assurance process for malaria microscopy.

Case management:

Fever cases are treated with chloroquine tablets/ syrup; plain injection E-MAL is given in serious cases; has been recommended by the central experts' team led by NICD in December 2007; ACT is not in use as per standard guidelines.

Disease surveillance:

No organized system of collection and analysis of disease surveillance data for limited number of diseases exists in the area, including IDSP system of reporting. Fever surveys are sometimes carried out by malaria field teams that sometimes include diarrhoea information.

Shortage of IDSP funds to support IDSP activities including capacity building, laboratory strengthening, hardware connectivity and others was cited by state authorities as the reason for non-implementation of IDSP in the affected areas.

Public health planning; prevention and control measures:

Bed nets:

- 56,000 insecticide treated bed nets have been distributed in the area and the programme is continuing. As 1 net each has been distributed per family, usual practice is to use it for children and adults go without a net.

Insecticides spray operations:

- Apparently both malathion and synthetic pyrethroid spray operations were carried out between November 2007 and January 2008; anti larval operations also conducted.

Initiatives to augment nutritional status of tribals including mid-day meal program and ICDS services:

- One ICDS centre was established in the area during the visit of the team. School mid day meal has been strengthened recently and also a one time supply of food basket for 36000 families in the area distributed.

Allocation of health staff:

- The District has already requested for relaxation of recruitment guidelines/regulations for appointment of peripheral workers and ASHAs to fill in the vacant positions of Grass roots health workers in the area.

Health education and promotion; involvement of NGOs:

- Since the December 2007 outbreak, sensitization workshops have been organized for officials of Local bodies and NGOs
- Health awareness and promotion programs in local languages have been undertaken among tribal populations with assistance of local bodies and NGOs

Safe water:

- Requests have been submitted by district authorities to explore alternative sources of safe water in the district, especially the tribal areas. This included possible linkage to existing dams and reservoirs in the area, rainwater harvesting, mapping of underwater ground water sources
- Water Tankers are made available during epidemic season
- Rural employment guarantee scheme is being considered for linking to the above initiatives

Conclusions and Recommendations:

- At least 12 different technical teams (state as well as national level) have visited the Utnoor agency area. Relevant technical recommendations for disease prevention and control have been made by these teams. Though short term planning and measures have been pressed from time to time for crisis management, no comprehensive plan has been drawn/implemented to address the problems that led to the episode of outbreak and child deaths. The major recommendation of the commission is that such a plan may be put in place involving various departments, monitoring by community and civil society organizations, ensured and a time bound review mechanism put in place under the leadership of district authorities. Commission may like to review the results after 90 days.
- For development and monitoring of such a plan well designed technical studies may be instituted by credible institutions for:
 - Nutritional assessment of the community
 - Health seeking behaviour of the tribal community
 - Feasibility study of community based surveillance system
 - Burden of diseases assessment
 - Assessment of potential safe water sources in the area; feasibility study for tapping alternate sources

Further information requested by NCPDR from state and central authorities:

- NVBDCP: Measures initiated/planned following documentation of malaria outbreak in December 2007.
- IDSP: Assessment of IDSP reporting system in the area and plans to bolster the same for early detection of outbreaks/response.
- FAMILY WELFARE/RCH: Action plan to improve anaemia situation, immunization status, Maternal/Child Health services in the area.
- ICDS: Action plan for special nutrition intervention in the area to improve Child and Adult nutrition status including Micronutrient Malnutrition.

ANNEXURE

Letter of NCPCR Recommendations to Chief Secretary, Govt of Andhra Pradesh

17th July 2008

Dear

On behalf of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) and its team which included Ms. Dipa Dixit, Dr. Manish Kakkar, Mr. R. Venkat Reddy and Ms. Spurthi Reddy, I wish to thank the Andhra Pradesh administration for all the arrangements made during our visit to the State from 29th to 1st July 2008.

We visited Adilabad to review the health status of children and adults, in light of the recurrence of malaria and other unexplained fevers, which has already cost lives in the past two months. The Commission held a public hearing at Gaadiguda village (Narnoor mandal) which saw a participation of over 600 people from the five-affected mandals (Janioor, Narnoor, Sirpur, Utnoor and Indervelly) of the district. Each person narrated a story of lost lives and lost families- devoured by fevers that find no justification in the 21st century. Based on these testimonies, petitions, and the interaction with the District administration we present the following issues for immediate action. The same were discussed in the meeting with the Secretaries held on 1st July 2008. It was decided that the government would conduct inter-departmental meetings and submit an action-plan with specific timelines to the NCPCR on the following items.

Tackling Malnourishment

1. Cooked food should be introduced in the ICDS scheme in Adilabad districts for all beneficiaries of the anganwadi.
2. The Mid-day Meal Scheme should be supplemented by using other funds so that a wholesome meal is available to all children, which will impact their status of undernourishment and anemia.

3. A District Health Action Plan shall be prepared to tackle malnourishment amongst children upto 18 years of age. This shall include an honest assessment of children's weight so that necessary interventions can be suggested.

District Health Programme

4. The Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP) is not functional in Adilabad. Rapid Fever Surveys are being conducted but they should not to be equated with surveillance. The IDSP should be strengthened for effective disease surveillance.
5. Case documentation appeared to be very weak. If medical documents are prepared properly then it would greatly assist when cases are referred to another hospital. Directions should be given to all health centers to provide proper documents to the patients.
6. The management capacities of the health centres need to be strengthened. There should be regular communication between the ANM and the PHC Doctor. Regular agenda items for such meetings should be specified.
7. Recruitment of peripheral staff to bridge gaps in service provision. It was noticed that there were not enough qualified persons from amongst the STs. Introducing flexibility to accommodate qualifies SC candidates may be considered in view of the special circumstances.
8. Preventive health-care knowledge should be imparted through the School Health Programme to all students in schools.

Strengthening Institutions

9. The Gram Panchayat can play a catalytic role in safeguarding health when given adequate training. The NCPCR can facilitate a visit of some Gram Panchayat leaders of Adilabad to a few Gram Panchayats in Rangareddy district which are actively involved in monitoring children's health and participation in schools.
10. Community interface needs to be strengthened for all services. The village health committees of the gram sabha should be empowered to support the health-workers. In Adilabad there is active Child Rights Protection Forums (CRPF) that have been monitoring the health of children in their villages. The services of the CRPF members may be utilized and they may be included in all the health committees of the health-care institutions, such as sub-centers, PHCs, Referral Hospitals from village to the district level. They can also be trained on health issues so that they can facilitate communication between the health-worker, the PHC and the household.
11. The Commissioner Health shall inform DC, Adilabad on rain-water harvesting measures and follow-up on the same.

Research

12. A baseline survey to be conducted to assess the nutritional status of the population of tribal districts of Andhra Pradesh. Such a survey shall also assess the dietary habits.

As discussed in the meeting we request the government to send us the following documents:

1. Lessons on health that have been included in the school textbooks.
2. A district-wise list of types of SNP that are being provided in the state of Andhra Pradesh
3. Investigation reports on the health situation in Adilabad conducted by other agencies and institutions.

We felt that there is a dire need to break stereotypes that the tribals and the administration hold for one-another and build trust. The villagers have demonstrated their trust in the government by approaching them and it is now for the government to take steps to enhance that. The above recommendations have been made not only for Adilabad district, but all tribal districts of Andhra Pradesh that have gravely malnourished populations and are battling endemic fevers. There is an opportunity for the administration to work on long-term solutions to improve children's status of undernutrition, anemia and morbidity.

We look forward to receiving an action-plan from the government on the above recommendations. A detailed report of the Commission's visit shall be sent to you shortly.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely

Shantha Sinha

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ANNEXURE 2

ADILABAD TESTIMONIES

1. Name: Vairagad Pochharam
Village: Malangi, Narnoor mandal

My daughter, Vijayamala, was studying in class 6 in the SC Girls Hostel at Utnoor. She was sent home with fever. We immediately took her to the hospital and unfortunately she died on route.

2. Name of patient's father: Menram Ramu
Village: Gaadiguda, Narnoor mandal
Date of death: 2 June 2008

My son Menram Ramu has completed class 10. He complained of blisters on his tongue and after six days of suffering, we took him to the PHC at Gaadiguda. He was treated with tablets, injection and given glucose for three days. Since he couldn't pass urine, he was referred to the hospital in Adilabad. They continued treating him for four days in Adilabad where he died

3. Name of the patient's mother: Kaalabai
Village: Dharmaguda, Arjuni GP, Narnoor mandal

My daughter Saraswati was 4 years old. I am from ST community. One day my daughter had high fever and we took her to the local RMP. The next day the ANM gave some tablets and took her blood-sample. On the third day the fever increased and we were at a loss to know where we should send her for treatment. The next morning at 5 o'clock she passed away in our own village because we had no doctor. The nearest PHC is 7 kilometres away, and since we did not have any money to travel, we lost our daughter. She died on 30th April 2008.

4. Name of patient's father's: Nagorao
Village: Dharmaguda, Arjuni GP, Narnoor mandal
Date of death: 3 June 2008

We are from the ST community. Two of our children, Sujata and her sister, fell very ill. We were told this was because of the water pollution in the boring well. We took a jeep to the PHC in Jhari, where my daughters were given tablets. The younger girl survived but Sujata's fever did not come down. Having faith that our 'God' would take care of her we ignored the seriousness of her illness, and did not take her to the hospital again. After three days of illness, our Sujata died at 1.30 in the night.

5. Name of Pateint's parent: Marappa Inrubai
Village: Lokaari, Narnoor mandal

My only daughter had fits all of a sudden and died on 4 October 2007. She was 3 years old. Her name is Marappa Kajar.

6. Name of petitioner: M. Jaithu
Village: Parsavada B, Narnoor mandal

I am from the Kolam community and my daughters Marubai, who was studying in Class 11 at Ichchoda, and Parvatibai, who was studying in Class 7, both fell ill and complained of malaria. We took our elder daughter for treatment and the fever never subsided and she died. The younger daughter also died in the same hospital and we were told she had jaundice. Having lost both our daughters the tragedy continues to haunt us.

7. Name of child: Tekam Nerajabai
Village: Sedvai, Dongergaon GP, Narnoor mandal

We are from the Kolam community. My one year old daughter was diagnosed for TB at the Adilabad hospital. While returning home from the hospital she died. We request for some compensation.

8. Name of petitioner: Kodappa Jingu
Name of child: Kodappa Motibai

We are from the ST Kolam community. My daughter had cough and was taken to the Gaadiguda PHC. On the way back home she died on 15 May 2008.

9. Name of petitioner: Rathod Gokul (Dongergaon Gram Panchayat Sarpanch)

There are six villages/hamlets in my Gram Panchayat: Dongara gaam, Chittaguda, Sedvai, Bodiguda, Bodiguda Tanda, and Dongara Tanda. None of these villages have road access and many have lost their lives in this gram panchayat as they could not reach the PHC. Even an ambulance cannot come to this panchayat. Please sanction a road.

10. Name of petitioner: Naitam Nagubai
Village: Parsavada, Aarjuni GP, Narnoor mandal

My four year old daughter died on 16 June 2008, even after consulting the hospital in Hyderabad. We feel the doctor's have not examined and treated her properly.

11. Name of petitioner: Kodapa Durgu
Name of village: Kunikasha, Gaadiguda GP, Narnoor mandal

My son Kodapa Sonerao, died of vomiting and fever.

12. Name of petitioner: Kodava Marubai
Name of village: Kunikasha, Gaadiguda GP, Narnoor mandal

Kodapa Devurao's wife died of fever and soon after his one year old daughter also died. I feel sad.

13. Name of petitioner: Sarpanch of village Saangvi
Name of village: Saangvi

Our village has no road access and during rains we cannot cross the river due to flash floods. In this situation the 108 ambulance is not able to reach us. We request a bridge to be constructed for our village. Enclosed is a list of people who have died in my panchayat due to this.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>AGE</u>
<u>Jyotiram</u>	<u>Sangvi</u>	<u>45</u>
<u>Devrao</u>	<u>Sangvi</u>	<u>45</u>
<u>Bhirshav</u>	<u>Sangvi</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>Damalmoti</u>	<u>Sangvi</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Limbarao</u>	<u>Sangvi</u>	<u>35</u>
<u>Praveen</u>	<u>Sangvi</u>	<u>4</u>

<u>Bharati</u>	<u>Bhanjiguda</u>	<u>45</u>
<u>Raokumar</u>	<u>Punaguda</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Saraswati</u>	<u>Ganeshpur</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>Premdash</u>	<u>Lokari B</u>	<u>45</u>
<u>Devubai</u>	<u>Punaguda</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>Devrao</u>	<u>Punaguda</u>	<u>30</u>

14. Name of petitioner: Bhimu
Name of village: Najari mandal

My child Majaribai was studying in class 1 died. I wanted my child to get educated so well, and live so happily and this mishap happened.

15. Name of petitioner: Mesram Harjubai
Village: Lokaari, Narnoor mandal

My daughter Mesram Hiru, 2 ½ year old died on 2 Feb 2008, due to fever and vomiting blood.

16. Name of petitioner: Kava Chittu
Name of village: Lokaari, Narnoor mandal

My wife Subhadra Bai had high fever and was taken to Adilabad Hospital and she died.

17. Name of petitioner: Sidam Devrao
Name of village: Kunikasha village, Gaadiguda GP, Narnoor mandal.

My only son Sidam Devrao died of vomiting.

18. Name of petitioner: Champat Rao
Name of village: Todasam, Indervelli mandal

- In Indervelly mandal 11 children have died due to these fevers.
- The posts of 2 RCH and 1 ANM are vacant making it difficult for institutional deliveries.
- The immunization programme is also not being covered fully because there is a vacancy in the position of the MPHW and the sub-centre staff has to take on many other activities.
- The distance between sub-centre and PHC is great and the sub-centres do not have a pakka building. The Indervelly PHC does not have toilet and water facility.
- In 41 villages there are no AWC. There are 42 mini-AWCs but they are not functioning. Children in 0-5 years have no access to the supplementary nutrition programme a part of the ICDS.
- Request that PHC Pittabongaram, should be converted to a round-the clock PHC.
- Also there are 2 hostels around the Pittabongaram PHC with 1000 children who are forced to go to private doctors, due to the lack of staff and other facilities in the PHC.
- I Request that PHC Indervelly be converted to a 50-bedded hospital.

The following children died in Indervelly mandal:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age (yrs)</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
K. Radha	7	Kolanguda	18 Nov 2007
Husnabai	7	Ghattepalli	
Gaurubai	2	Ghattepalli	3 October 2007
P. Shaktiram	3	Ghattepalli	2 July 2007
Kalpana	4	Thodanda Tanda	13 November 2007
Ramesh	2	Waipeti	4 October 2007
Baby	4days	F.N. Tanda	
K. Letubai	8	Boddiguda	4 December 2007
Devbai	6	Boddiguda	4 November 2007
Anil Kumar	8	Andu Tanda	21 November 2007
Surekha	7	Boddiguda	

19. Name of petitioner: Sayam Devsab

Name of village: Daaba (K), Dhaba GP, Narnoor mandal

My daughter Godubai passed away on 5 May 2008 due to coughing.

20. Name of petitioner: K.Lakshman
Name of village: Ashapalli, Jainoor mandal

Our village has a population of 1000, we have a sub-centre but it has no building. The ANM and MPHWS do not stay in the village therefore our children are not immunized, pregnant women are not being taken care of and there is ill-health in the village. The school teachers are also not regular, likewise even the anganwadi teacher comes to the village once in a while and children suffer from malnourishment as the SNP is never distributed.

21. Name of petitioner: Seedam Ramu
Name of village Parsavada

My daughter Shantabai, aged 3 years, had malaria and passed away after 3 days of high fever. This is the truth.

22. Name of petitioner: Suresh
Name of village: Kottapali G, Narnoor mandal

We belong to the Gond community. My daughter died on 1 February 2008.

23. Name of petitioner: Bhimrao
Name of village: Ramuguda, Arjuni gram panchayat, Narnoor Mandal

My daughter Madavi Marubai, aged 8 years, was unwell for 15 days so we took her to Jhuri PHC. She was given some injections, tablets and glucose. She got better, so we took her back. In the meantime she had swelling in her limbs and all over her body. We waited for 8 days and took her to Adilabad hospital. We brought her home, she never recovered, and after 15 days she passed away on 6th November 2008.

24. Name of petitioner:
Name of village: Ghumlikafa

5 of a family died due to vomiting and motions.

25. Name of petitioner: Gangubai
Name of village: Paruhada, Narnoor mandal

My daughter Seedam Pisubai has a two year old daughter (Sujata) who died in March 2008.

26. Name of petitioner: Rambai

Name of village: Arjuni gram panchayat, Kolamguda village, Narnoor mandal

My husband died of malaria in February 2008.

27. Name of petitioner: Jangubai
Name of village: Parsavada, Narnoor

My husband Madhav Rao died after three days of fever as I was unable to take him to hospital due to monetary constraints.

28. Name of petitioner: Lakshman
Name of village: Hirapur, Narnoor mandal

My daughter Jyoti, age 14, was unwell. We took her to Adilabad hospital but she died in a day's time.

29. Name of petitioner: A. Chandrakant
Name of village: Maregaon, Narnoor mandal

My son Balwant, studying in class 3, got fever for two days. We first showed him to the local doctor and were taking him to the Adilabad hospital when he died enroute. The ANM and MPHWS don't visit our village and the sub-centre is defunct. Please strengthen these centres to save other children.

30. Name of petitioner: Anandrao
Name of village: Daaba K, Narnoor mandal

My child, Rukmubai was 4 years old. She was playing and suddenly developed cough and died within 5 minutes. This happened on 22 February 2008.

31. Name of petitioner: Sayam Motiram
Name of village: Daaba K, Narnoor mandal

The important thing is that I lost two sons, the first was five years old and second three years old, in March and January 2007 respectively.

32. Name of petitioner: Kadapa Ramu
Name of village: Chittagudda

My two year old son died within 5 days time. We did not even get time to take the child to the doctor.

33. Name of petitioner: Pendor Godanbai
Name of village: Daaba K, Narnoor

I lost one daughter, Girijabai, who was 5 years old, and a second daughter of 3 years. The elder child died on 15 November and second daughter on 28 November 2007.

34. Name of petitioner: Acham Sungu
Name of village: Lokaari, Narnoor mandal

My daughter, Deegabai, died on 12 April 2008 due to fever and bleeding of the nose.

35. Name of petitioner: Mesram Radhabai
Name of village: Lokaari, narnoor mandal

One son, Motiram, died on October 13th 2007 and another son, Chandrakumar, died on October 14th. Both had fever.

36. Name of petitioner: Atram Kusumabai
Name of village: Punaguda, Narnoor mandal

I lost my daughter, Lalita who was two years old, who was suffering from vishjwaram (high fever), on 16th December 2007.

37. Name of petitioner: Village Revenue Officer
Name of village: Punaguda, Narnoor mandal

A four year old child Lingu, died on 15 October 2007 due to fever.

38. Name of petitioner: Kumra Sunbu
Name of village: Jhuri, Narnoor mandal

I first lost my 35 year old son, Venkatram on 7 July 2007. A week later on 14th July my wife Limbabi died too.

39. Name of petitioner: Sarpanch Pipri gram panchayat, Narnoor
Name of village: Pipri gram panchayat

10 children in 3-6 years age group died between 2006 and 2008.

40. Name of petitioner: Mesram Devurao
Name of village: Lokaari, Narnoor mandal

My four year old daughter, Chandan, died on 11 November 2007, due to vishajwaralu (high fever).

41. Name of petitioner: Narayan
Name of village: Lokaari village, narnoor mandal

My father, Ramulu, had terrible fever for two days and inspite of all efforts to get him cured, he could not be saved.

42. Name of petitioner: Anandrao
Name of village: Aliguda, Sirpur U mandal

I have 3 sons and one daughter, all of whom died in a week's time. My eldest child was 6 years old.

43. Name of petitioner: Vasanthrao
Name of village: Aliguda,

My daughter, Srilata 3 years old, whom we loved so much- got fever at 11 in the night. Since she developed fever in the night we couldn't take her to the hospital and she died.

44. Name of petitioner: Anandrao
Name of village: Aliguda village

My son, Maruti rao who was one year old, had high fever for two days. We took him to Adilabad hospital and he died there in December 2007.

45. Name of petitioner: Bhagwant Rao
Name of village: Aaliguda, Sirpur U mandal

My one year old daughter, Srikala, had high fever for four days. We could not take her to the doctor because of economic problems.

46. Name of petitioner: Gangaram
Name of village: Pamulavaada, Sirpur U mandal

My only son, Shankar Rao- aged 7 years, had high fever. The Community health worker gave medicines but the fever did not subside. The next day we couldn't go to the hospital as we had no money.

47. Name of petitioner: Lakshman
Name of village: Pamulavaada, Sirpur U Mandal

Venkatrao is my only child. After two days of high fever we took him to the government hospital. We were in the hospital for four days where the doctor gave medicines and glucose. The fever did not subside and we could not afford to continue the treatment and the child died.

48. Name of petitioner: Shankar
Name of village: Pamulavaada, Sirpur U Mandal

My daughter, Malleshwari- aged 3 years old, had high fever. She was taken to Sirpur govt hospital. The doctor recommended that she should be shifted to Adilabad. Since we could not afford it we returned home and the child died next morning.

49. Name of petitioner: Mangam Vaagu
Name of village: Aaliguda, Sirpur U mandal

Nagendra, 3 years old, had high fever was taken to government hospital. The doctor recommended that the child be shifted to Adilabad. In Adilabad after the blood test, the doctor said he had cerebral malaria and that nothing could be done. In a day the child died.

50. Name of petitioner: Jumnak Shyamrao
Name of village: Pamulavada

My daughter Aitma had fever for 1 day and she passed away before we could realize what the problem was.

51. Name of petitioner: Convenor Child Rights Protection Forum, Narnoor
Name of village:

In the last one year 149 children died and we could have saved many of them if there was an access to PHC and sub-centre. Most villages do not have roads or transportation facilities. This has also affected ante-natal care and immunization programme. The staff of the PHCs are not locals and they do not stay in the village at night which causes difficulties. The anganwadi centres do not have universal coverage. The mini-centres are not running properly. So many villages do not have access to SNP which leaves many children malnourished. We request you to resolve all these issues and render justice.

52. Name of petitioner: Nagorao
Name of village: Dharmaguda, Narnoor mandal.

Two of my daughters were ill. One of them was Sujata who was four years old. She had high fever and we took her to the Jhuri PHC in a jeep. They gave her medicines and some tonic. The other daughter recovered but Sujata did not. We believed that our local diety would cure her and did not pay too much attention. Sujata died on 3rd June 2008.

53. Name of petitioner: Madhavrao
Name of village: Saruguda, Narnoor mandal

My daughter Sheelabai, was 7 years old and was studying in class 2, was sent home with fever from school. We immediately went to the local PHC in Jhuri. There the doctor gave injections and tablets. The fever did not subside and we consulted the local RMP. We used his medicine for a day. Even then the fever remained high. The fourth day she had fits and died.

54. Name of petitioner: Mandadi Motiram
Name of village: Samsvi, Narnoor mandal

My daughter Yashoda was 15 years old and got fever when she was menstruating. For 8 days she had fever but we did not take her to the hospital because there was no bus or ambulance. On the 9th day she died on 10 December 2007.

55. Name of petitioner: Madpachi Sonerao
Name of village: Dharmaguda, Narnoor mandal

My son Madpachi Shankar, was four years old, had fever for 3 days. On fourth day he was taken to the Jhuri PHC but there was no doctor. The ANM came home and took a blood sample and gave some tablets. The fever did not subside and we consulted the RMP, but it did not help. Before we could make arrangements for going to the hospital my child died on 7th November 2007.

56. Name of petitioner: Marskala Hanumanthudu
Name of village: Dharmaguda, Narnoor

My 18 month old daughter, had high fever and was taken to the government PHC in Jhuri. The doctor did a blood test and gave medicines. We returned home and for 3 days she continued to have high fever. She died on 14 November 2007. She was our only child.

57. Name of petitioner: Soyum Madhavrao
Name of village: Daaba B, Narnoor

My daughter was 18 years old, who studied upto class 5 after which she dropped-out. She had high fever for 5 days when we rushed her to Adilabad private hospital. She got better there so we were bringing her home when passed away enroute.

58. Name of petitioner: Atram Jangu
Name of village: Kolamguda, Narnoor

My daughter Gangubai fell very ill for 8 days, when we took her to Jhuri PHC. The doctor and ANM gave injections and sent us home. The fever came down, but all of a sudden increased and she died when we were taking her to the hospital.

59. Name of petitioner: Naitam Gangaram
Name of village: Parsavaada, Narnoor

My child Naitam Nagubai was four years old. She had fever for 15 days and we took her to Adilabad government hospital where doctors gave her glucose and kept her for 5 days. They looked after her well. On the sixth day when they were administering glucose, within 30 minutes she lost her life on 16th June 2008.

60. Name of petitioner: Seedam Jaitu
Name of village: Pipri, Narnoor mandal

My elder child who was four years old was ill. I took him to Jhuri PHC where there was no doctor so the ANM took a blood sample and gave some tablets. I brought my child home. At home my wife had recently died during childbirth and I have an infant at home to look after. My elder child's illness did not subside but I couldn't take him to the PHC, which is 8 kilometers away, as there was nobody to care for my infant. My elder child died on 8 May 2008.

61. Name of petitioner: Seedam Lakshman
Name of village: Pipri, Narnoor mandal

My daughter was 6 years old and studying in class 1. She fell ill and was taken to the health camp where she was given medicines. The fever did not subside so we took her to a private hospital in Adilabad where she was admitted for 3 days. She did not recover and died on 14 November 2007.

62. Name of petitioner: Amburai Vitthal
Name of village: Savri, Narnoor mandal

My 18 month old daughter Narmada, was ill for three days. On the fourth day we took her to a private hospital in Adilabad. We gave medicines and returned immediately. She fell ill again after 3 days when we were rushing her to the PHC in Jhuri when she died on 9 November 2007.

63. Name of petitioner: Jaavde Bharat
Name of village: Admayan, Narnoor mandal

My daughter Rambhabai was my only child. She was 1 year old. She fell very ill and we immediately went to Gaadiguda PHC which was 4 kilometers away. It seemed that the fever subsided but the next day the fever increased at night. We still took her to the hospital in the night and showed her to the doctor. After we returned home she died that morning on 9 November 2007.

64. Name of petitioner: Seedam Jhaadu
Name of village: Kolamguda, Arjuni GP, Narnoor

My daughter Ayyubai, had fever for 10 days, after which we took her to Jhuri PHC. They gave medicines when the fever subsided. But the fever relapsed and we called the local RMP doctor home, who gave medicines. We gave her medicines for 2 days, after which she died on 11 November 2007. We repent that we should have taken her to a government doctor.

65. Name of petitioner: Madavi Bhimrao
Name of village: Ramuguda

My 8 year old daughter Madavi Marubai was ill for 15 days and was taken to Jhuri PHC. There they gave her injections and glucose and the fever subsided. When we returned home she developed swelling in her limbs and body. This continued for 8 days when we took her to Adilabad hospital. We returned home and she died on 26 November 2007.

66. Name of petitioner: Atram Munku
Name of village: Moregaon,

My child Atram Bhimrao, 4 years old, had high fever and was diagnosed for typhoid. We went to Gaadiguda PHC and was given glucose and other medicines. We came home and child developed fever again. By the time we called the ambulance my child died.

67. Name of petitioner: Seedam Bhimrao
Name of village: Oregaon

Seedam Nagesh, my son was 5 years old and studying in class 1. He had high fever for 5 days. We were planning to take him to Adilabad hospital when he suddenly developed fits and he died.

68. Name of petitioner: Atram Munku
Name of village: Moregaon

My 7 year old daughter, Rupabai was in class 2. She had fever which was diagnosed as typhoid at the Gaadiguda PHC. She was given tablets but fever did not subside. Since we would have to pay for the diesel of the ambulance, we consulted a RMP doctor who said he could not treat her. We did not know where to take her and she died on 15 December 2007.

69. Name of petitioner: Punnaka Gangaram
Name of village: Moregaon

My 8 year old daughter Suryakala, had fever for 3 days which was diagnosed as typhoid. We consulted a RMP doctor who did not what to do but gave some tonic. And all of a sudden she died after two days, and we could not even take her to the nearest PHC in Gaadiguda. We feel that the doctor should come home to our village and treat us at home. She died on 14th December 2007.

70. Name of petitioner: Atram Mohan
Name of village: Moregaon

My 3 year old daughter Padma, had fever for 15 days. Then we took her to a local RMP who gave her some injections and tablets when the fever subsided. But the fever came back again and we took her to Gaadiguda PHC where she was given tablets and tonic. But fever increased and she died on 13 December 2007.

71. Name of petitioner: Korenga Jangu
Name of village: Admayan

My son Jyotiram was 10 years old and studying in class 5. The teacher sent him home because he had high fever and we took him to Gaadiguda PHC where the doctor gave him medicines and injections. The fever did not subside and we took him to a private hospital. From there when it did not come down, we consulted an RMP doctor who gave some tablets which also did not work. My child died on 20 November 2007 when we were taking him to the Adilabad hospital.

72. Name of petitioner: Atram Nagaraj
Name of village: Lokaari, Narnoor mandal

My daughter Atram Pannubai lived with her grandmother. She was brought to us as she was unwell and we took her to Gaadiguda PHC. The doctor's medicines did not work and we took her to the RMP who also gave some medicines. She died on 11 November 2007.

73. Name of petitioner: Mesram Maru
Name of village: Daaba B, Narnoor

My one year old child, Birshav, had high fever, so we engaged a jeep and went to Utnoor government hospital. The doctor was giving glucose and before it completed the child died on 2 November 2007.

74. Name of petitioner: Ballakishar
Name of village: Admayan

My daughter Sridevi, 8 years old, had fever for 3 days. We took her to Gaadiguda PHC where the ANM took a blood test and gave medicine and sent her home. For one day she got better, but she died on the night of the next day on 10 October 2007. We could have saved her if we took her to the Adilabad government hospital

75. Name of petitioner: Soyum Nagrao
Name of village: Dharmaguda, Narnoor mandal

My daughter Saraswati, was four years old. She had fever and we took her to RMP who gave medicines. The fever did not subside and the ANM did a blood test and gave tablets. On the third day the fever increased, and we did not know what to do and where to take her because the PHC was 7 kilometres away. She died on 7 April 2008.

76. Name of petitioner: Maruti
Name of village: Gaadiguda, Narnoor mandal

My son Kanakashekhu, was in class 6. First he got slight fever so we gave only crocin. Afterwards he started getting headache and stomach ache. We went everyday to the doctor in Gaadiguda for treatment, but the PHC was closed on all 3 days. My child died on 8 October 2007.

77. Name of petitioner: Jugunaka Chandershav
Name of village: Gaadiguda

My 10 year old son, Yadavrao was not unwell and was taken to private hospital in Adilabad. He did not recover so we took him to PHC in Gaadiguda and he died on 9 October 2007.

78. Name of petitioner: Devrao
Name of village: Kunkusha

My son Seedam Ravinash, had fever and vomiting for 4 days. He was taken to Gaadiguda PHC where they gave him injection. Since he continued to have vomiting we were taking him to the PHC again when he died. The PHC is 5 kms away. My son died on 10 October 2007.

79. Name of petitioner: Keshavrao
Name of village: Kunikusha

My one year old son had fever and we took him to RMP doctor. After 15 days the RMP doctor told us to take him to bigger hospital. We were taking him to the PHC when he died on 4 November 2007.

80. Name of petitioner: Lingarao
Name of village: Kunikusha

My child fell ill and we took her to Gaadiguda PHC. But the illness did not subside and we took her to Utanoor hospital where he was kept for 3 days. When he was getting better they sent him home. But again he started vomiting and when we were taking home to hospital he died. We were a 4 member family and now we are a 3 member family.

81. Name of petitioner: Gaagu
Name of village: Kunikusha

My one year old daughter Deepabai had fever for two days. We took her to Gaadiguda PHC. Next day we took her to RMP doctor because there were no buses and autos to keep going to Gaadiguda PHC. On third day she died.

82. Name of petitioner: Mesram Bhilarao
Name of village: Vranavada

My daughter, Sangeetabai, was 3 months old. She had high fever and blisters in the mouth. We took her to a hospital in Maharashtra where the doctor gave some injections and tablets. She died after she came home in March 2008.

83. Name of petitioner: Seedam Kashiram
Name of village: Vranavada

My daughter Lakshmi, had fever and died on the spot in January 2008.

84. Name of petitioner: Kudita Keshavrao

Name of village: Ruppapur

My four year old son had slight fever for 4 days. We took him to the RMP who gave some injections and tablets but the fever did not come down. So we again went back to the RMP who said we should go to PHC. For four days we took the medicines given by Gaadiguda PHC after which the child died. The date of death is 8 March 2008.

85. Name of petitioner: Medani Bhimrao
Name of village: Ruppapur

Our child Lakshmi, who studied in class 5, had fever and stomach ache for a week. We went to RMP who gave injections and tablets but the fever did not subside. We went to the Gaadiguda PHC where some tablets were given. Then she became very serious and she died.

86. Name of petitioner: Madave Bhimrao
Name of village: Ruppapur

My 5 year old daughter Sunita, had fever and vomiting for 3 days. She was first taken to RMP. Then we asked for ambulance to take her to Gaadiguda PHC, but the doctor said that the ambulance had gone to pick up another child. By the time the ambulance was available my child died. Then we registered her death at the Gaadiguda PHC.

87. Name of petitioner: Madavi Gangaram
Name of village: Ruppapur

My daughter, Jangubai was studying in 6 class had fever for 2 days. On third day fever increased, she became delirious, and developed blisters in her mouth. She died on 1 November 2007.

88. Name of petitioner: Mesram Lakshman
Name of village: Kunikasha

My one year old daughter Vandanabai, had high fever for 3 days. We took her to Gaadiguda PHC where she was given injections and tonic. Her fever subsided for a day but it increased again. Then we took her to local RMP doctor who gave her glucose and tablets. Fever subsided but again increased and got fits. Then we took her to another RMP doctor in Narnoor. Then she got better for 15 days. After that she suddenly got fits and died.

89. Name of petitioner: Rathod
Name of village:

My daughter Rathod Bhumikabai was 6 months old. When she had fever she was taken to private hospital where she was given medicines and fever subsided. But again fever increased and we were taking her to Adilabad hospital when she died on the way.

90. Name of petitioner: Child Rights Protection Forum, Jainoor mandal

During May 2007 to June 2008, 58 children died in Jainoor mandal. Please use your good offices with the National and State governments to stop such tragedies.

91. Name of petitioner: Kumra Jagadi Rao
Name of Village: Guda mamada, Jainoor mandal

My eldest son Gangaram was studying in the Ashram High School in Mallepuram. He had fever for one whole week but neither his class teacher nor the headmaster took him to the hospital for treatment. Since he was not getting better they sent him home. At home he was shown to the Patnapur village R.M.P. He gave some medicines, but as his vomiting, diarrhea and fever increased he was shown to another R.M.P. doctor who gave him a glucose drip. At the same time, since he was getting unwell we also showed him to our own 'medicine man' who gave him some herbs. The next day on 15th October 2007 he died.

92. Name of petitioner: Kumra Yettma Rao
Name of Village: Guda mamada, Jainoor mandal

My daughter Yogiswari was 10 months old and had high fever for two days. There was a government health camp going on in the village. The doctors said that the baby was too small and so there is nothing to be worried about. They advised us to go home. After reaching home, within an hour our daughter started to vomit and had diarrhea. So we took her to the RMP in Patnapur, even when the health camp was still on. The RMP gave some medicines and by evening she passed away. This was on 15th December 2007.

93. Name of petitioner: Gedam Ramu
Name of Village: Karlam guda, Jainor mandal

My son Hanumanth Rao was 16years old and a school dropout after studying up to class nine. One day he fell very ill and we took him to the health camp at Mancherial village. The doctors examined him, took a blood test and said that he had typhoid. They gave him some tablets. His fever was not coming down and so we consulted a local 'medicine man' who gave some herbs the next day. By the time it was evening the boys fever went up, he was burning hot, got fits and died. This was on 27th November 2007

94. Name of petitioner: Seedam Naga Rao
Name of Village: Guda Mamada, Jainor mandal

My son Balu who was 3 year old had high fever for 5 days and we took him to the local RMP thrice during the week. His fever came down for a couple of days but increased again and so we took him to our 'medicine man' for a herbal treatment. He got better for two days and fell ill again. This time we consulted the RMP at Patnapur. He died on December 6th 2007.

95. Name of petitioner: Bochra Namdev
Name of Village: Hanumanguda, Jainoor mandal

My son Balaji was 3 years old. He got high fever and we consulted the RMP at Patnapur. After we returned home our son took seriously ill and had fits. So we engaged an auto and rushed to a private hospital in Indervelli. Our son died on the way on 11th December 2007.

96. Name of petitioner: Atram Bhim Rao
Name of village: Jaduguda, Jainoor mandal

My daughter Radha bai was 2 year old. She had high fever and vomiting and in an hour's time passed way in November 2007.

97. Name of petitioner: Atram Lachchu
Name of village: Daboli, Jainoor mandal

My daughter is six years old studying in the local school, name Samata. She fell very ill and we took her to the government hospital where they gave her malaria tablets and did a blood test. The next day her fever increased, but we thought we should wait till her fever subsides and then take her to the hospital. In the meantime she died. Date of death: November 2007.

98. Name of petitioner: Atram Jangu
Name of village: Shekhuguda, Jainoor mandal

My daughter Atram Vijaya was studying in the Ashram high school in Raasimetta in class 7. In the entire months of March and April she had severe cough and was getting breathless and was taken to the Jainoor PHC 5-6 times by us. We also consulted a private hospital in Indervelly. The cough continued. Then we took her to Wardha hospital but she did not get better. Finally we went to the Adilabad hospital where she was there for 4 days. Here the doctor diagnosed her with TB, and said she would get better so discharged her. He said that medicines would be given by the Jainoor PHC whose members will come to her home. We returned home on Monday and Vijaya died on Thursday. She died in April 2008.

99. Name of petitioner: Pendor Isru
Name of village: Daboli, Jainoor mandal

My son, Bhagwant Rao had cough and pains in hands and legs, and even vomited blood. Then we took him to Jainoor hospital where he was admitted for 2 days and given glucose and injections. Then we came home and sold our cows and other assets and collected Rs 45000 and went to Ashadam hospital in Maharashtra. He was there for 2 months but did not get better. Then we came home and he died in 16 August 2007.

100. Name of petitioner: Kumra Shankar
Name of village: Janduguda, Jainoor mandal

My 4 year old daughter was playing and fell ill in the evening. She started vomiting and we gave her some water to drink and thought we would take her to the hospital next morning. The fever increased and she died in the early hours of the morning. We think that if the health facility was near the village we could have taken her to the hospital.

101 Name of petitioner: Mesram Maru
Name of village: Sheikhguda, Jainoor mandal

My sister was 18 years old and a school-dropout after class 5. One day she vomited more than 5 times. I was also unwell that day so could not take her to the hospital so next day she passed away. She died on 31 July 2007.

102. Name of petitioner: Seedam Mukta
Name of village: Douri Polamguda, Jainoor mandal
My 3 year old son, Ramu, had high fever and we showed him to the local RMP who gave him 2 injections and some tablets. After three days he got better so we sent him to the anganwadi centre for upma. He came back home with diarrhea and vomiting and passed away. He died in September 2007.

103. Name of petitioner: Pendur Annu
Name of village: Manijandaguda, Jainoor mandal

My daughter, Seeta, had fever for 10 days and we took her to the local RMP who gave her some medicines and injections. Soon she started vomiting and stopped eating. Then we consulted local ANM who gave injections and said that she would be all right. After that we took her to Jainoor PHC and also to Utnoor mandal hospital. There the doctor advised that she should be given external feeding as the mother did not have sufficient milk. A week later she died in May 2007. The ITDA gave us a compensation of Rs. 25000. Seeta was 6 months old.

104. Name of petitioner: Madhav Rao
Name of village: Mani Jhandaguda, Jainoor mandal
My daughter Rachana who was 16 months old had high fever. We consulted a doctor. On everybody's advise we even went to our local 'medicine man.' He said that our daughter was possessed by the Devil and that he would remove the evil force. And so we did not go anywhere else. She became breathless and died on 8th October 2007.

105. Name of petitioner: Thodasam Pandu
Name of village: Mani Jhandaguda, Jainoor mandal

My wife went to her parents and delivered a baby girl in the Adilabad Hospital and returned home after delivery. The next day she got high fever and was taken to the

private hospital in Hasnapur. In 2 days time my daughter passed away and soon after my wife too passed away.

106. Name of petitioner: Mesram Raju
Name of village: Jhamguda, Jainoor mandal

My son Shyantha Rao was one year old and had diarrhea. It never stopped so we consulted our local medicine man. He gave some herbs and also tablets and tonic which we tried it for a month. There was no improvement. We then met the ITDA P.O. and asked for help to meet health expenditure. The office gave milk powder and advised the mother to stop nursing the child. We had no money to buy more powder milk and did not know what to do. Our son became very breathless one night and passed away on 5th August 2007.

107. Name of petitioner: Tikam Lakshman
Name of village: Jammi, Jainoor mandal

My daughter Geeta bai was one year old. My wife gave her milk and we left her in the house and went to work as usual. When she returned she gave her milk, and all of a sudden our daughter passed away in November 2007.

108. Name of petitioner: Geete Dayannand
Name of village: Jammi, Jainoor mandal

My son Ram Nivas who was 6 year old studying in class one in our village school had fever for two days and we took him to the Utnoor Hospital. The fever did not come down and so we went to the Adilabad Hospital. They were treating him and even after one day the fever continued and so we took him a hospital in Indervelli. He died on 20th June 2007

109. Name of petitioner: Madaavi Hanmanth Rao
Name of village: Jammi, Jainoor mandal

My son Manohar was 7 year old was studying in class 2 and while in school he came home with high fever. We could not take him to any hospital. He died in October 2007 within a couple of days

110. Name of petitioner: Atram Niranjan Rao
Name of village: Rasimetta, Jainoor mandal

My son Jangu who was one year old was very ill from the time he was born. We showed him to doctors in Jainoor and Utnoor. After one year of illness he dies in November 2007.

111. Name of petitioner: Kumra Yashwant Rao
Name of village: Rasimetta, Jainoor mandal

My son Babu was 8 months old when he got high fever. We took him to the hospital at Sirpur (U). They gave him tablets and medicines. We returned home. After two days he died on 5th November 2007.

112. Name of petitioner: Atram Sayeb Rao
Name of Village: Rasimetta, Jainoor mandal
My only daughter Goura Devi was 9 year old studying in 4th class. She had high fever and we rushed her to the government hospital. She collapsed within a day of fever on 5th September 2007.
113. Name of petitioner: Seedam Mahadu
Name of village: Kondapattur, Usha gaon, Jainoor mandal
My daughter was just two years old and she fell very ill for three days. On advice of our village secretary we took her to Utnoor Hospital and she passed away there in November 2007.
114. Name of petitioner: Atram Shyam Rao
Name of village: Devaguda, Jainoor Mandal
My son Naga Rao, 3 years old, developed fever in the morning. His hands and feet became very stiff. He had his lunch and was very weak. He became stiff again in the night with high fever and passed away all of a sudden in the month of November 2007.
115. Name of petitioner: Sheikh Razak
Name of village: Pocham laddi
My 18 year old daughter went to collect 'ippa puvvu' as usual into the forests. When she returned home after a days of work she started to vomit. It never stopped. We called for an ambulance at least five times. We were told that it went to pick up another patient. In the meantime we engaged a jeep to Jainoor and she died even before we reached the hospital at Jainoor on 3rd April 2008.
116. Name of petitioner: Kumra Eashwar
Name of village: Saara, Jainoor Mandal
My son Lakhan, was 5 year old and had high fever. We took him to the government hospital in Utnoor. Since he was serious the doctors kept him on oxygen. Unfortunately my son could not be saved and he died the same night on 23rd September 2007.
117. Name of petitioner: Kova Vijayalakshmi
Name of village: Pasaraguda, Jainoor mandal

I am a community health worker from the Gond community. I have 2 children. My first son Sandeep was 9 year old and studying in the government school. One day he fell very ill and we rushed him to the government hospital at Jainoor. He did not get better and so we took him to the private hospital in Utnoor the next day. He started getting fits and so the next day we took him to the Adilabad government hospital. There he was treated for 15 days. We had to spend a lot on medicines and we could hardly afford the treatment. So we returned home. He was getting better but all of a sudden passed away 6 days later.

A month after Sandeep passed away my 6 year old daughter Sangeeta fell ill. We rushed her immediately to the Jainoor government hospital. Doctor gave some medicines and told us that she would be all right and we need not fear. She was okay the first day but the second day she became breathless and she came home after playing with her friends. She collapsed and passed away almost immediately. Three months later my husband, Kova Ramu, fell very ill. He had high fever and so we went to Jainoor government hospital. The doctor gave him treatment and discharged him saying that he was OK. While at home he asked for tea and within 15 minutes developed high temperature and vomited twice. We called for an ambulance which came and took us to Utnoor Hospital. The doctor referred him to Adilabad hospital. He was admitted in the hospital at Adilabad and died the next day.

I too am very unwell and don't know what to do. This happened to me even though I am a health worker and know which systems to access.

118. Name of petitioner: Surtikak Shravan
Name of village: Patnapur, Jainoor Mandal

My daughter Anasuya was 12 year old. She complained of head ache after she returned from work. We applied zandu balm. The next two days she went to work again and complained of severe back ache and had high fever. We consulted the RMP doctor and since did not get better we took her to the government hospital at Utnoor. There they admitted her, gave her glucose drip and some medicines. They took her blood for examination and told us that she had malaria. She died On 15th August 2008, when she was in the hospital. We were given Rs. 25000 by ITDA.

119. Name of petitioner: Sayed Ayub
Name of village: Patnapur, Jainoor mandal

My son Sameer was a year and a half and developed high fever. We consulted the local RMP but she did not get better. He had fits and fever and so we called for 108 Ambulance. In the hospital the doctors declared him dead. This was on 17th October 2007.

120. Name of petitioner: Imam Khan
Name of village: Karimguda, Jainoor mandal

My daughter was 9 year old studying in class four. She had fever and we consulted the local RMP. He advised us to go to a regular doctor. Three days later we consulted a doctor in Tadihatnoor. He gave her a glucose drip and we brought her back home. On the fourth day her fever increased and she complained of severe head ache. We took her to Utnoor government hospital in an auto. They said that her fever has affected her brain and that she should be taken to Adilabd. We took her in an ambulance to Adilabad where she was given a glucose drip, and even blood transfusion. After one night she passed away on 12th October 2007. The government gave Rs. 25000.

121. Name of petitioner: Subbabai
Name of village: Shivanur, Jainoor mandal

My daughter Vijaya was four year old. She would go to the anganwadi centre everyday and even have her upma. When she came home one day (her stomach was swollen), so we took her immediately to Jainoor hospital. They gave her an injection and said she had typhoid and sent her home. A week later we took her to the government hospital where they were told that Vijaya was okay and did not need any treatment. But she continued to be unwell so we took her to the RMP doctor. This doctor confessed that he is unable to treat her as he does not know what is wrong with her. My daughter died six days later. She died in July 2007.

122. Name of petitioner: Rathod Bikku
Name of village: Shivanur, Jainoor mandal

My daughter Rathod Gunibai is 3 years old. She had a small boil along with fever. She was taken to the hospital. The fever did not subside and the RMP doctor said it was jaundice (pasirikalu). She lost her appetite and stopped eating completely. Her stomach started swelling and she was taken to a government hospital where she was admitted for 4 days. Since she was not getting better they decided to take her home and start tribal medicine. For this they were going to Rajulaguda when she died on the way.

123. Name of petitioner: Pendur Sungu
Name of village: Marlavai, Jainoor mandal

My daughter Lakshmibai was three year old. She got high fever and cough. She was taken to the Jainoor PHC atleast 5-6 times over 15 days but she died in July 2007.

124. Name of petitioner: Pendur Sungu
Name of village: Marlavai, Jainoor mandal

My wife Jangubai delivered twins in December 2007 and they were named Ram and Lakshman. Lakshman fell very ill after three months and had diarrhea and vomiting. He was immediately taken to the Jainoor PHC. We took him to the RMP also, but he died in March 2008.

125. Name of petitioner: Hollagiri Balaji
Name of village: Jangaon, Jainoor mandal.

My third son, Neelesh- one year old, got malaria and we took him to Jainoor PHC. The doctor examined him and gave him 2 injections and glucose. The doctor asked us to take him to Adilabad. But we waited for 2 days and took him to the Indervelly private hospital, where we were told the same thing. SO we took him to Adilabad govt hospital.

After two days treatment they advised us to take the child to Yavatmal. But before we went to Yavatmal my son died. My child died in November 2007.

126. Name of petitioner: Ingli Anandrao
Name of village: Jangaon, Jainoor mandal

My son Ingli Raju, who was seven years old, vomited blood and so we called for 108 ambulance and went to Utnoor civil hospital. There he was given injection and glucose drip. The next day the doctor asked us to take him home. The boy again vomited blood and called 108 ambulance and went back to Utnoor. There the doctor said that we should have gone to Adilabad hospital, so we took him in another vehicle. There the doctor said our child would get well but next morning he died on 3 October 2007.

127. Name of petitioner: Atram Nagarao
Name of village: Kolamguda, Jainoor mandal

My two month old son, had a swollen stomach and started crying badly. So we took him to the Utnoor hospital where the nurse first gave him about 5 injections and also glucose which was not administered properly. Then my son's condition became worse and the doctors came. The doctors examined my son and said that there is some problem in his brain for which they should go to the Adilabad hospital. The doctor told us that he can give ambulance but they will have to pay for the diesel money. Though we could not afford it we somehow went. After reaching the Adilabad hospital he was given oxygen and my son died. This happened in April 2008.

128. Name of petitioner: Sheikh Karim
Name of village: Muslimguda, Jangaon, Jainoor mandal

My 8 year old son, Sheikh Yusuf had fever. We went to the Jainoor government hospital where the doctor gave some medicine and told us not to worry. But 2 days later he got fits. So we called for 108 ambulance which did not come. So we took an auto-rickshaw and went to Utnoor hospital. There the doctor gave oxygen and said he should be taken to Yavatmal. Since we had no money to do that the next day we took him to Adilabad. We paid for the diesel. In Adilabad they gave him some glucose drip. The doctor here too advised that the child should be shifted to Yavatmal. After we pleaded that we had no money he said we could stay back. He was given oxygen and glucose but still my son died.

129. Name of petitioner: Child Rights Protection Forum
Name of village: Sirpur U mandal

In our mandal 56 children died from June 2007 to June 2008. The government hospital does not have facilities to take care of children. They have been asked to go from one hospital to another. We would like the hospitals to be strengthened to save children.

130. Name of petitioner: Atram Maniram

Name of village: Sirpur U, Sirpur U mandal

My son Yogender, 15 year old was studying in the tribal welfare hospital. He was sent home because he had typhoid. I immediately took him to the Utnoor hospital on 12 September and they referred us to the Adilabad hospital. In Adilabad after 3 days my son died. This happened in November 2007.

131. Name of petitioner: Jingu
Name of village: Burnur B

My daughter Yashoda was in class 10 at the Mahugaon Balika Pathshala. She had fever and the local ANM gave tablets. The next day she had fits and was sent to the Sirpur hospital. There were no doctors at Sirpur, were traveling to Utnoor when she died on the way. She died in November 2007.

132. Name of petitioner: Kodapa Hiranman
Name of village: Patelguda, Sirpur U

My three year old son, Kiran kumar had fever. We took him to Sirpur government hospital where he was given tonic. When the fever did not reduce we went to Utnoor hospital, who inturn referred us to Adilabad hospital. After a day at Adilabad, the doctor said that the child was serious so we should take him to Yavatmal. We went to Yavatmal and while there he died on 22 November 2007.

133. Name of petitioner: Madavi Hannu
Name of village: Patelguda, Sirpur U

My 8 year old son, was going to local school. They sent him home because he was unwell. Then he got better and we sent him back to school. Then he became unwell. Then we took him to private hospital where he was given treatment for a week. At the same time there was a malaria camp in the village. So he took malaria tablets which reduced his fever, but induced vomiting. Then he was taken to Sirpur government hospital where he was given drip. His vomiting stopped but he still had fever when we came back to the village. Then we went to consult the doctors in the camp, when he died. This happened on 15 August 2007.

134. Name of petitioner: Atram Bapurao
Name of village: Patelguda, Sirpur U

My son Atram Haridas, got fever and in a week's time he went to the Sirpur U hospital thrice and came back. But the fever continued. Then we decided to go to a private hospital in Jainoor , where we thought he got better so we brought him home. In four hours he started to vomit so we had to rush him to Sirpur U. There were no doctors so went to Jainoor. The doctors at Jainoor said they can't treat the child, and advised us to go to Adilabad. On the way to Adilabad my son died on 10 July 2007.

135. Name of petitioner: Sheikhu
Name of village: Patelguda

My daughter Sombai, who was 5 year old, used to regularly go to Anganwadi. She had high fever for a week, but no one came to see her in the village. Then we took her to Sirpur U government hospital. There the doctor advised that they should go to Adilabad. The doctor in Adilabad said, why have you come here, "you think I am God!". There they gave her glucose and injections and my child died. We did not have money to bring her back so we begged and collected money and brought her home.

136. Name of petitioner: Kumra Basank
Name of village: Alliguda, Sirpur U mandal

My daughter Srilata was 3 years old. She went to the anganwadi centre. She had fever so we consulted an RMP. But her fever increased and we were taking her to Sirpur U hospital when she died on the way. In my village neither the ANM nor the health assistant ever visited. Even after my daughter's death they did not come to find out about it. My daughter died on 5 June 2007.

137. Name of petitioner: Bujhangrao
Name of village: Pamulavada, Sirpur U mandal

My daughter Seetabai who was 3 years old, died. She had fever for 2 days when we decided to take her to the government hospital. But she died suddenly on 10 November 2007.

138. Name of petitioner: Kumra Shankar
Name of village: Pamulavada, Sirpur

My 3 year old daughter Maheshwari developed fever. We consulted a RMP in Sirpur U who gave some injections but her fever did not subside, so we went to Sirpur U hospital. The doctor there treated her with injections but nothing happened. Then they referred the child to Adilabad hospital. Since we had no money to take her to Adilabad, we returned home and after 2 days my child died on 14 August 2007.

139. Name of petitioner: Atram Bhagwantrao
Name of village: Alliguda, Sirpur U mandal

My 2 year old daughter Atram Subekha, had fever for 2 days. On the third day we showed her to Jainoor private hospital where we were told to take her to Utnoor hospital. By the time we planned to take her there she died on 4th February 2007.

140. Name of petitioner: Anandrao
Name of village: Alliguda, Sirpur U mandal

My 5 year old son, Manohar had fever for 2 days. We took tablets from the community health worker and it subsided. The next day again the fever increased and we wanted to take the ambulance from nearby Mahagaon Hostel but it was not there. We also tried to get the 108 ambulance which was unavailable at that moment, so were asked to call again in one hour. But my son died within the hour.

141. Name of petitioner: Sedmaki Lakshman
Name of village: Pamulavada, Sirpur U mandal

My son Venkatesh, 7 years old was studying in the local school. Suddenly he developed swelling in his body and we rushed him to Sirpur U hospital. The doctor gave tablets and asked us to take him to Utnoor hospital. I did not have money so I took him home. All of a sudden he died on his way back on 12 August 2007.

142. Name of petitioner: Sungu
Name of village: Kodiguda, Sirpur U

My six year old child, Madhavi Monica, was in class 1. On nagachouthi day without any symptoms she died. No one ever imagined she would die.

143. Name of petitioner: Mangam Vaagu
Name of village: Alliguda, Sirpur U

My son Nagesh was 3 years old. He had fever for 3 days and the community health worker was going door-to-door and gave 2 tablets. But the fever did not subside so we took him to Sirpur U hospital. Then we were referred to Adilabad, and sent us by ambulance. The doctors gave glucose, injections but within 12 hours he passed away on 12 December 2007.

144. Name of petitioner: Aada Ramu
Name of village: Nethnur, Sirpur U mandal

My 5 year old daughter Maheshwari used to attend Anganwadi. One evening she got fits so we took her to the religious-medicine man. That person told us he could not treat the child and asked us to take her to the government hospital. We had no vehicle and while we were making arrangements Maheshwari died. This happened on 11 September 2007.

145. Name of petitioner: Kumra Sriram
Name of village: Chilatiguda, Sirpur U mandal

My one year old daughter Sunita had fever. We consulted a local RMP who treated her with 10 injections in almost a month. Since she did not get better we consulted another RMP who gave her 2 injections. Finally we decided that we should take her to a government hospital, but before we could she died.

146. Name of petitioner: Mesram Sriram
Name of village: Alliguda, Sirpur U mandal

My wife and my son Jangu, both got fever and we consulted a RMP. The RMP gave 2 injections to my wife and a tonic to my son. He told us that once the mother gets well, the son will recover to as she was breastfeeding him. Then we went to the Sirpur government hospital where my son was given tonic and sent back. My son died.

147. Name of petitioner: Soyam Somu
Name of village: Pamulavada
My son Nagu was studying in class 3 and returned home with high fever after school. We were taking him to the government hospital, but he passed away en route on 10th July 2007.

148. Name of petitioner: Atram Bhujanga Rao
Name of village: Sirpur (U)
My daughter Anuradha was studying in class 5 in the local school when she came home with fever. After a couple of days we took her to Sirpur (U) hospital and she got better. She fell ill after 3 days and so we rushed her to Adilabad hospital. She got better there and so we brought her home after 3 days. She developed high fever again in 3 days time and passed away on 13th July 2007.

149. Name of petitioner: Madavi Namdev
Name of village: Sirpur (U)
My 2 year old daughter Anjali had high fever and referred to the sub-center. She died on 30th September 2007.

150. Name of petitioner: Thodasam Yado Rao
Name of village: Sirpur (U)
My daughter Sevantha was in 9th class and was sent home when she got fever. We took her to Sirpur(U) health center and she was given tablets. She got better. After some days her fever increased and she started to vomit blood. We took her to Utnoor Hospital and they referred her to Adilabad Hospital. In three days time she passed away in the hospital on 16th July 2007.

151. Name of petitioner: Atram Lakshman
Name of village: Kahtiguda
My son was 4 years old attending the anganwadi center. He had high fever and we took him to the health center. His fever subsided after three days. He got it again and died in September 2007.

152. Name of petitioner: Atram Bapu Rao
Name of village: Khatiguda
My daughter Bhimbai was 8 year old studying in class 3. She got high fever and we took her to Sirpur(U) hospital. She died while undergoing treatment in the hospital in August 2008.

153. Name of petitioner: Kanaka Gangubai
Name of village: Bhoornuk (K)
My daughter Devu bai was studying in class 9 in the Ashram school when she had fever. The hostel staff admitted her in the government Asifabad hospital and she died on 19th September 2006. We were given Rs. 50,000 as compensation by the government.

154. Name of petitioner: Vishwant Rao
Name of village: Shettihatnoor
My 4 year old daughter Tirmula bai fell ill and had blisters in her mouth. After 5 days we consulted a private RMP doctor. She did not get any better and passed away.

155. Name of petitioner: Madhav Rao
Name of village: Shettyhatnoor
My son Bapu Rao had fever for five days. We showed him to a private doctor but he could not survive and died on 27th April 2007.

156. Name of petitioner: Kanaka Ramu
Name of village: Shettyhathnur, Sirpur U mandal

My daughter Paiku Bai, was 15 years old. She had high fever for 4 days so we took her to a private hospital in Jainoor, where she was given glucose drip and injections. We were told that if we took the tonics and medicines she would recover. Then Paikubai began having fits and we could not take her to another doctor, as we had no money. Early next morning my daughter died.

157. Name of petitioner: Chandu
Name of village: Shetyhathnur, Sirpur U mandal
My son Atram Maru, was 8 years old and studied in class 2. While in school he developed high fever so we brought him home. In the night he had vomitings and diarrhea. Since the distance between the village and Sirpur was great, we decided to wait till next morning, but my son did not survive till next morning.

158. Name of petitioner: Neelakanth Rao
Name of village: Shettyhathnur, Sirpur U mandal

My son Nagesh was 2 years old. He had high fever for 3 days. Then we took him to a private hospital in Jainoor where he was given injections and tonic. But there he developed diarrhea and vomitings. On the 5th day of fever we went to the Project Officer ITDA for help. The officer sent us in an ambulance to the government hospital in Hyderabad. The boy died as we were entering the hospital premises. This happened in August 2007.

159. Name of petitioner: Vittahlbai
Name of village: Bhurnur K, Sirpur U mandal

My 3 year old son, Goudem Prakash, had high fever and we took him to the government hospital next day. After 3 days of treatment, the boy died.

160. Name of petitioner: Kumra Devrao
Name of village: Bhurnur K, Sirpur U mandal

My son Kumra Ramu was 9 years old and studied in class 3 in the local school. He had high fever and we took him to the government hospital. After 3 days he died on 26 November 2007.

161. Name of petitioner: Atram Madhavrao
Name of village: Bhurnur B, Sirpur U mandal

My daughter Atram Vanita, was 6 years old and studying in class 1. She had fever and was taken to the local sub-centre. There the doctor gave her tablets and medicines but her fever did not subside. After a week my daughter died on 7 October 2007.

162. Name of petitioner: Kanaka Tukaram
Name of village: Bhurnur B, Sirpur U mandal

My daughter Mamata, was 6 years old and studied in class 1. She had fever for 3 days and we took her to Sirpur U PHC. While she was being treated in the PHC for 3 days she died on 6 October 2007.

163. Name of petitioner: Pendur Gunvantrao
Name of village: BHurnur B

My daughter, Pendur Rajeshwari, 3 years old, had high fever. We took her to the local village sub-centre and she died 2 years later on 15 July 2007.

164. Name of petitioner: Kursinga Chitru
Name of village: Bhurnur B, Sirpur U mandal

My son Kursinga Prabhakar, studying in class 1, had fever for 3 days. After that we went to the local sub-centre where he was given medicines. My son died three days after that.

165. Name of petitioner: Gedam Ramudev
Name of village: Kottapalli

Our 14 year old Parubai, had fever for 4 days. Then we took her to Jainoor hospital where she developed a stomach ache- so the hospital referred her to Utnoor. Soon after she was admitted in Utnoor hospital, where her stomach ache became worse along with her fever and she died.

166. Name of petitioner: Pendur Maruti

Name of village: Kottapalli, Sirpur U mandal

My son Pradeep was 5 years old. He had high fever and was taken to the hospital and while he was undergoing treatment he died.

167. Name of petitioner: Vasanth
Name of village: Kottapali, Sirpur U Mandal

My one and half year old son Krishna had high fever. He was taken to the Utnoor hospital. They gave us an ambulance and asked us to go to Adilabad. On the way he developed high fever and died.

168. Name of petitioner: Vevihan Pawar
Name of village: Gopalpur, Sirpur U mandal

My son Praveen Kumar, had fever for four days. We took him to Utnoor hospital. After 3 days because the fever did not come down we took him to Mancherial hospital. Then after 2 days, he had high fever and fits and died.

169. Name of petitioner: Rathod Billiya
Name of village: Mamidipalli, Sirpur U mandal

My 7 year old daughter, Sangeeta, studying in class 2, had fever for 4 days along with vomiting. She was not shown to any doctor. The she died.

170. Name of petitioner: Pandara Dinkar Shad
Name of village: Gunnur K, Sirpur U mandal

My daughter Sridevi had fever for 4 days. I took her to RMP. Then the next day she got fits and died. She died because we have no food and clean drinking water, sanitation and the ANMs don't come and there is so much poverty.

171. Name of petitioner: Rathod Beerbe
Name of village: Mamidipalli

My six year old son, Surender, who had just got admitted to school had fever for 5 days. He also had severe stomach ache and vomiting. We consulted the RMP doctor but the fever did not subside and he died.

172. Name of petitioner: Pendur Dharma
Name of village: Gunnur K,

My daughter Kasubai, was studying in class 4 in the local school. She had fever for 5 days and we took her to Jainoor hospital. 2 days after returning home she had a severe headache and vomiting and passed away the next day.

After this death there was a health camp in the village, and we all questioned the ANM and doctor that “why do we need a health camp now? After the fevers have come and gone, what is the point of a health camp. After dying, what right to health can we claim?”