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Efforts of Ekta Parishad ensured the safe return of migrant laborers

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Large number of laborers of Sheopur and Shivpuri district of Chambal region migrate during crop harvesting season. Also, Tribal migrant laborers of Sheopur district have to cover long distance to reach Jaishalmer and Badmer district close to Indo-Pak Border in Rajasthan for harvesting cumin crop. This year to over 7000 laborers of around 50 villages of Sheopur district had gone to these district at International border of Rajasthan for harvesting the crop but with the declaration of lockdown amid Covid-19 on March 24, these migrant laborers could not find the way to return to their home villages in Madhya Pradesh as all the ways were blocked and also the work of harvesting had also

been completed and stopped. The region where they were working had not even sufficient water as it was close to desert area. In such situation it was difficult for these migrant laborers to stay there for long period of time. In that difficult situation they contacted Ekta Parishad. Only then Ekta Parishad came to know that large number of migrant laborers was stuck there.

However 10% of these laborers any how managed to reach Sheopur district by food and with the use of tractors. When they were contacted they shared their full story as to

how they reached Sheopur district after one week of long travelling and paying extra money on fare.

Bust most of these migrant laborers who had gone there with their families could not return since they had children with them who could not cover so long distance by foot. Not only that they had to manage and buy food from their own pockets since the work was completed and they had to bought by paying extra



Arrivals of migrant laborers at Sheopur on 30th of April	
<i>from Jaishalmer</i>	
Haripura	21
Budhera	16
Agra	37
Pahadi	4
Richhi	300
Premnagar	14
Kalmi	13
Panwada	4
Kakrada	20
Panar	30
Bankuri	4
Silpuri	14
Bargnwa	25
Ratodhan	23
Mayapur	16
Bhukhari	18
Piparani	20
Goras	60
Karahal	60
Agra	8
Bhojka	30
Chkrana	7
Nimaniya	15
<i>from Nagour</i>	
Julaniyapura	4
Mahu	9
Kotara	4
Nagadi	15
Sirsanwadi	18
Wardha Nahar	33
Tillidera	3
TOTAL	845

money with the hike in prices of food after the declaration of lockdown and they were staying in the farmland for shelter and also the market was located far from their place of stay and they had to purchase ration in double since the market was closed.

In such situation they were facing lot of difficulties in each passing days. Any how they completed 21 days of their stay in the first phase of lockdown. But after that, they could not resist and lost patience with the declaration of second phase of lockdown. Also the climate started changing, increasing temperature and decreasing water supply together with crisis of ration and money accelerated their anxiety and tension. In such difficult time these migrant laborers of Sheopur contacted Jai Singh Bhai of Ekta Parishad on phone. After that Jai Singh Bhai took initiative and actively engaged in helping those stuck in lockdown. Following are the efforts that were on the part of Ekta Parishad:

- ⇒ ***Provided ration with local contacts*** these migrant laborers were provided ration with support from officials of Mohangarh Tehsil and head of Gram Panchayat was contacted to provide 5 quintals of ration to these people so that these migrant laborers could meet two three days need of food grain.
- ⇒ ***CSOs and Individual supports in Rajsthan:*** Similarly, nongovernmental organization of Jaishalmer like Gayatri, Unnati Vikas Sansthan Faloudi, Child Line Jaishalmer, Shri Ummed singh of National Youth Project, Lata behan of SURE organization including advocates and other social worker were contacted to provide food to these migrant laborers stuck in the lockdown.
- ⇒ ***Officials at different levels in Rajsthan:*** Administration and authority and Rajsthan government were contacted for support and there supports were very fruitful. Hence 4 days of food grains were provided to those 5000 migrants' laborers and their families stuck in Faloudi and nearby area.
- ⇒ ***Information regarding migrant laborers stuck in the lockdown*** Nobody had information of how many and where people stuck in the lockdown. For this purpose migrating youths of Ekta Parishad were engaged in collecting all such information. As a result list of 930 people of 22 villages and mobile numbers of their 59 heads (contractors) were collected and on that basis people advocacy efforts were made with the government.
- ⇒ ***People advocacy for the migrant laborers of Sheopur for their return*** – District administration, local MP and the Central Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar and the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh were requested with the list of 930 people of 22 villages with the explanation that thousands of migrant laborers with their families and children were stuck in Rajsthan. ***(Continue to page no. 12)***

Follow up of Migrant laborers stranded in Rajasthan

Forgot all the pain of migration in the joy of reaching home

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SHEOPUR



Government of Rajasthan provided transport facility

The state government of Rajasthan provided transport facility to migrant laborers to reach their state by the buses of Rajasthan Transport Corporation. Rajasthan Government send much migrant laborers of different districts the border of Madhya Pradesh in Sheopur district, as Ekta Parishad communicate to both government from Sheopur for their food and transportation.

Sheopur: Thousands of migrant laborers of Sheopur stranded in Jaishalmer, Ajmer, Faloudi, Jodhpur and Pali reached at the border of Madhya Pradesh from different parts of Rajasthan by bus on 29th April morning. They migrated from Sheopur to Rajasthan for agricultural wages, soon after the lockdown they could not continue work there and about 900 laborers stranded in Jaishalmer and other parts of the state. The Ekta Parishad identified through village to village and collect the number and place of migrant laborers and helped them to get food through the government and CSOs. Also the Ekta Parishad wrote letter to the Chief minister of Madhya Pradesh and the Central minister of Agriculture and Farmers welfare to ensure the safe returning of the migrant laborers.

Madhya Pradesh Government provided food, medical check up and further transportation



District administration provided food to the migrant laborers who reached from Rajasthan at the border area. Entire laborers got food and medical check up. After that they were sent to their villages and other districts like Shivpuri, Shahdol,

Umaria. and Dindori.

Ekta Parishad welcomed the laborers

Really, It was a happy moment for the Ekta Parishad to received migrant laborers safely from Rajasthan because the voice of migrant laborers raised by the organization. Jai Singh and Kailash Parashar welcomed all the laborers on behalf of the organization.

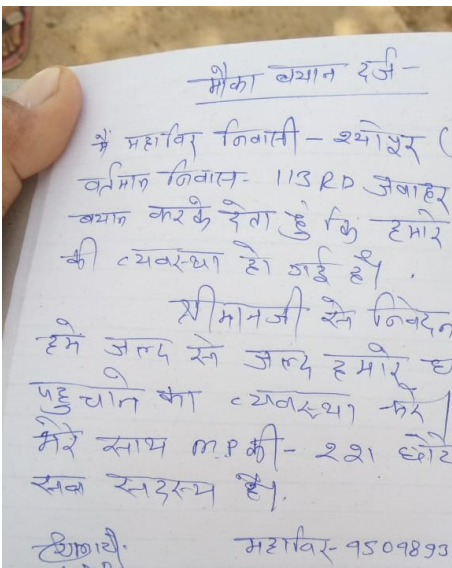


Stranded migrant laborers got ration



in Jaishalmer

Mahabir Sahariya (a tribal community) called and requested over mobile that "about 250 migrant laborers from Sheopur stranded in Jaishalmer. They have tried to return back their village but police stopped them and now they are residing on side of the canal which is 2 km away from PTM at 113 RD Jawahar Nagar and they are facing food problems since few days. The migrant laborers staying in PTM school get foods from the government, but there was no space and facility so they move to near canal side, where



Record of statement by the migrant laborer that he had received the food materials taken by the Block Development officer, Jawahar Nagar, Rajasthan as proof of distribution of food materials to migrants.

they are not getting any foods. They spent all the money whatever they earned in wages.

Soon after, Jai Singh Bhai of Ekta Parishad discussed with Adv. Girdhari Singh Bafna Ex solicitor general of Rajasthan state (a fellows and well-wisher of Dr. S.N.Subba Rao ji), he provided

contact number of a local person Ummed Singh and assured to help migrant laborers. He talked with the district collector Jaishalmer in night.

On Next day in the morning, Ummed singh along with his friends and Block Development officer reached that site and provided flour-40 kg, pulses-5 kg and other food materials in relief work. Again Mahabir called and gave thank to Ekta Parishad for helping them and told that he got the food materials early in the morning.

Migrant laborers hungry for 2 days got the food in Jaipur

A group of 40 migrant laborers from Sheopur stranded in Jaipur were hungry for 2 days get food from the local persons after the information shared to the well wishers in Rajsthan by Jai Singh Jadon of Ekta Parihad.

Jai Singh Jadon, an activist of Ekta Parishad got a call from local community worker Tunda Ram that 40 migrant laborers of Bagalda village of Sheopur stranded in Bagaru village nearby the Jaipur on Ajmer highway and they are hungry for 2 days. He gave contact number of a migrant labor to get details information.

Jai Singh talked with Golu (a migrant laborer). According to Golu "they were staying about 15 km away from Jaipur in a vacate plot under the over bridge to separate groups" he provided a number of another migrant. Jai Singh told them to keep patience, he is trying his best.

After that Jai Singh asked to Ex solicitor of Rajsthan Adv. Girdhari Singh Bafna and get his friends number. After that Jai Singh Talked with his a friend Avinash Bhai, he was in Jaipur and promised to help them. In between, Adv Girdhari Singh called back and provided a number of coordinator of Cowshed Banwari Lal Sharma. Then, Banwari Lal Sharma assured to manage food for the migrant within 10 minutes. Banwari Lal Sharma managed food 3 km away from that site in a hotel till then Avinash reached the place and started introduction with laborers.

Jai Singh requested to Avinash to bring 2 people to hotel that they can bring the foods. Two migrant laborers went to the hotel and carried food for the 40 peoples. Eating foods after two days, entire laborers become very happy. After that Avinash and Kriti provided 100 kg Flours, 3 liter edible oil, pulses with vegetable and spices.

Food materials provided to 95 Sahariya families in Mara village of Morena



Morena: The Ekta Parishad provided food materials to 95 Sahariya tribal families in Mara village of Pahadgarh block of Morena district. As Mara village is tribal predominant and 90 km away from the district headquarters. Most of the families got the land entitlement through land rights campaign of Ekta Parishad, but due to the lack of agriculture input and water scarcity for irrigation these families are unable to become self reliant. They used to migrate seasonally every year in crops season for agricultural wages. They migrated to different places but they could not work properly to earn money because of

lockdown due to the Corona virus.

In this pitiable situation, the MGSA identified 95 most deprived tribal families and each families provided to food materials flour 10 kg, pulses 2 kg, edible oil 1 liter, salt 1 kg, chili, turmeric and coriander powder with the support from Gorurban team, who were the part of the camp in Mara village in 2018. Senior activist Udaibhan Singh Parihar and Prafull Shrivastwa were also present there.

Source: Kuldeep Tiwari



Food materials to 20 differently able spinners

Morena: The MGSA provided food materials for 15 days to each 20 differently abled spinners of the organization, who work in Khadi Production unit of MGSA in Joura. (Source: Prafull Shrivastawa)

Meeting with migrant laborers

Joura: The Ekta Parishad met with 47 agriculture migrant laborers of Shivpuri and Gwalior in Payatha village of Joura in Morena. They have no any problem regarding the food and accommodation and everyone is safe and healthy. There is no any transport facility due to the lockdown, Ekta Parishad will facilitate to transport them their village after the lockdown.

Masks stitching for distribution

Pinki Bai, An activist of the Ekta Parishad stitched 500 masks for distribution in Morena.



Food materials to destitute women



Sagar: Getting the information from a community leader Deepak an activist of Ekta Parishad visited the house of Neema Bai and other two houses. Neema Bai had no food materials and money. Looking the difficult situation close to starvation he purchased food materials and provided them flour 10 kg, edible oil 1 liter, Coriander and chili packet, soap and biscuit and 50 rupees cash for green vegetable to each 3 families.

The Ekta Parishad Sagar had filed an application to the district collector to ensure the safe returning of migrant laborers of Sagar stranded in other states. Then administration asked to provide the contact number of such migrants, after that the Ekta Parishad provided their contact number to the administration.

Facilitation to access the relief amount of PMUY



Sagar: The central government announced to provide Rs. 772 for fuel to the beneficiaries of PMUY but most of the women beneficiaries neither they have gas connection number nor passbook as a result they were unable to refill the gas and access the relief fund. It was noticed by the Ekta Parishad then women were facilitated and activist brought them to the gas agency and held a meeting with manager. After that women got the pass book. Agency's manager asked them to book for gas online through mobile. As these tribal women don't have mobile therefore an activist helped them for booking by his mobile. Then they got the gas. Many women have got the relief amount of Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana but they are unable to access the money due to non linking of Adhar (UID) with bank account. They were suggested to link their Adhaar with bank account. Women awaked about the hand wash with soap, social distancing and follow the lockdown instruction.

Migrant laborers reached their village in Sagar



Digital payment service started by a member of Ekta Parishad

Sehore: The government has sent money in corona relief work to farmers, pensioner of social justice department and beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana, construction laborers etc. Villagers are not much aware about the banking transaction rules and they use to go keyosk center (money transaction digital center approved by the bank) where rural poor people are cheated like giving less money than withdrawn, charging more fees etc.

A young member of Ekta Parishad noticed this situation and got the digital service of Fino Payment Bank service. It is helping villagers in saving their time and provides them actual information about bank account. (Source: Shri Ram)

Food materials to 150 families



Jhabua: The Ekta Parishad facilitated in providing rice to 150 families of 3 villages in Rama block of Jhabua and provided ration to 5 poor families not having the BPL card.

(Source: Durga Pawar)

Migrant laborers quarantined

Seoni: 6 migrant laborers reached their village in Dugariya of Seoni district from Nagpur, they were quarantined in Primary school under the direction of head of the Panchayat. Panchayat will provide them food.

Fried corn with jaggery distributed among the children

Umaria: Fried corn with Jaggery distributed among the 200 children of Baiga community in Kachhounha village as a nutritious food and facilitated the distribution of 500 gas cylinders to the baiga families.

Identification of migrant laborers

Damoh: The Ekta Parishad identified more than 200 migrant laborers of 3 blocks of Damoh stranded in Gujrat, whom are seeking help for returning their villages. (Source: Sujat Khan)

270 laborers reached Shivpuri by Bus



Shivpuri: The Ekta Parishad raised the issue of

migrant laborers of Shivpuri stranded in different places and wrote a letter to the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh and copied to the District collector Shivpuri. Finally the government has taken decision to call back and provided support to migrant laborers. As a result, 270 migrant laborers stranded in Bhind reached Shivpuri on 27th April night. They were quarantined at Mohini Sagar hostel 5 km away from Shivpuri. Entire laborers examined by the health department and administration provided food to everyone. The CEO of Zila Panchayat, Shivpuri leaded the management. Those who did not have masks were given masks by the administration. Also, the government provided transpiration to take them to their respective villages. Senior activist of the Ekta Parishad Ramprakash Sharma was also present there to facilitate, as he was the person who provided the list of migrant laborers stranded in Bhind.

Migrant laborers of Guna reached their



village

Guna: The Ekta Parishad requested to Labor officer to provide Rs. 1000 to each soon as possible. 51 laborer of Mohal colony village went to Rajsthan for agriculture wages in harvesting of cumin and stranded there. They faced many problems due to the lockdown. The Ekta Parishad provided their information and requested to call back them from Rajsthan. Ultimately, the Government of Madhya Pradesh decided to call back the migrant laborers.

In this conjunction, 51 laborers reached their villages from Rajthan on 28th of April. These workers were screened and brought to their respective villages. At the time of their arrival, there were many officers of the district administration, same time the district coordinator of the Ekta parishad Suraj Sahariya talked with the labor officer.

CHHATTISGARH

Government started jobs in MNREGA in many villages



MNREGA work has been started for the construction and repairing of ponds in different villages like Fulkarra village of Gariaband and Kodawa and Bhursuda village of Raipur and Binjhara of Koraba of Chhattisgarh which is providing jobs to laborers at village level.

The Ekta Parishad wrote letter to the state government to open the jobs under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act to provide the jobs to rural people.

(Source: Meena/ Nurani Jain/Murali Das)

Food materials distributed among destitute families



Raipur: An ex community leader, presently head of the local governance distributed ration to poor families and provided soap for hand wash to the workers of MNREGA in Bhursuda village of Raipur. Also, the Ekta Parishad facilitated the process of distribution of food materials (rice 25 kg, pulses 3 kg, poha 2 kg, potato 2 kg, onions 2 kg, edible oil 1 liter, toilet and bath soap, washing powder and soyabean) to each 31 families of Bhujia tribal community in 5 villages from Women and Child Department, Gariaband. While in Korba, Ration (Rice 5 kg, Pulses 500 gram) distributed to each 6 destitute families with the help of head of the local governance in Devhari village.

(Source: Meena/ Raghubir Das/Nurani)

Food served to migrant labor on the way to Uttar Pradesh



Koriya: The Ekta Parishad provided dinner and breakfast to migrant laborers of Uttar Pradesh, who are going to their home by foot-march from Jaithari in Tikuri village of Koriya district. They worked in Jaithari power plant in Madhya Pradesh. (Source: Rajendra Chandel)



Wall writing :

The Ekta Parishad wrote messages of prevention from Corona in different 14 place in 2 villages of Surjpur district and Rajaama village of Gariaband.

Mask distribution and community awareness : A community leader Smt. Sangita Bai awaked children and women for hand wash with soap in Chhatapara of Sarguja and 50 Masks distributed with the help of head of the local governance in Bankesama village. An active member of Ekta Parishad distributed masks to community in Gattasilli village of Dhamatari.

ODISHA

Money transfer to migrant laborers of Odisha in Pune

The Ekta Parishad provided support to purchase the food materials to 30 migrant daily workers of Odisha stranded in Pune, Maharashtra. They were facing the problem of food crises as they did not have money to purchase food materials. They were working in Micron Electricals company and the company have not taken any responsibility. According to the migrant laborers, they don't have food to eat and they got one meals in day. After the lockdown, local administration did not reach there. This information was shared by Bharat Bhushan ji and quick action taken by the National office of the Ekta Parishad to transfer the money in bank account of migrant laborer.

In a another case, The Ekta Parishad identified 76 migrant laborers including women and child of 3 districts Kalahandi, Bolandir and Nawapada district of Odisha stranded in Rangareddy district of Telengana. They are in scarcity of food due to lack of money and situation. They wanted to come back their home. (Source: Bharat Bhushan)

food materials to 50 destitute families



Kalahandi: The Ekta Parishad distributed food materials to 50 destitute families of 4 villages of Kalahandi district in the presence of senior activist and PRIs.

In other case, the Ekta Parishad managed food for 13

bagger families in Beharguda villages through local self governance institution (Panchayat) after the discussion with the BDO (Block Development Officer).

Community awareness



Khorda: The Ekta Parishad awaked community on prevention from Corona virus in Pabangoan of Khorda district and sanitized the village. (Source: Sneha)

Fisherman returned their home from Chennai by boat through sea route

A group of 36 fisherman of Sunupur village of Ganjam reached their village by boat through sea route from Chennai in a gangrenous situation and stormy weather at the cost of their life. After that they quarantine in the village. (Source: Bharat Bhushan)

TAMILNADU



food materials to 25 families

The Ekta Parishad distributed food materials to 25 families of Puthurai vannar community in Virudhunagar district of Tamilnadu.

Puthurai vannar community constitute 4-5% of total population in the state and they are considered most backward caste. They are known as dalits among dalit community (Source: Thanraj)

TELANGANA

The EP and NYP jointly initiated relief work in Telngana



The Ekta Parishad and National Youth Project jointly distributed cooked food packets and food materials along with mask and sanitizer to migrant laborers of Odisha, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh stranded in Kari-managar, Bhuvanagiri, Jagithyal and Warangal of Telngana. (Source: K Yadav Raju)



Visit to brick kiln laborers of Odisha in Telngana

Ranga Reddy: A social worker visited the spot of brick kiln and discussed with the owner as well as laborers of Odisha about the difficulties facing by them. Mr. Suresh gutt of Aide at Action, works in Ranga Reddy district on the issue and rights of brick kiln workers. After the information shared by Bharat Bhushan on Whatapps

Ravi Badri talked with Suresh and requested to intervene in this matter. He went to the place and discussed with them. He finds that owner of the brick kiln is providing food regularly. According to the owner, laborers were demanding advanced payment of the wages for the month which is difficult for him. (Source: Ravi Badri)

MANIPUR/ASSAM

Local Administration provided Dry Ration for 15 days to Migrant Labour

Akshil Das, age 38 years, from Panikhaite the village, Sapotari Gram Panchayat under Rampur Block of Kamrup (Rural) District of Assam is one of the six migrant labours who are stranded in the state of Manipur due to National lockdown due to curb spreading of Coronavirus Pandemic.

After his marriage he opened a small food processing factory at his home with the money he had. He even borrowed One Lakh rupees from a Micro Finance company to run his traditional food processing unit. Due to the fast-changing lifestyle and food habits of the young generation who are interested in modern cool drinks and snacks, his traditional snacks business did not survive for a long time.

Due to pressure to meet his family expenses and to repay for the money he borrowed from a Micro Finance, he decided to leave his village and went to Manipur with some of his friends.

Due to lockdown to curb spreading Corona Virus, He lost his job and got a shortage of food and money. Thus, Mr. Dimbenath contacted to National and Manipur State Offices of Ekta Parishad to provide support to the migrant labour from Assam.

Mr. Rishi from National Coordination Office contacted state unit and a Panchayat Secretary name Ms. Bidyalaxmi. She then alerted her colleague, Panchayat secretary and SDO Ms. Padma the present of migrant labour from Assam in their jurisdiction area.

On the next day, The SDO with her team not only reported to the District Commission office but then the team went to meet the Migrant Labours and provided Dry Ration for 15 Days.

(Source: Rishikant Aribam)

How can Migrant workers be saved from both? HUNGER & VIRUS

On the International Labor Day, Dr. Rajagopal P.V responded many questions in an interview with Mr. Piyush Ghosh of "the Optimist Citizen" on face book live, which are following:

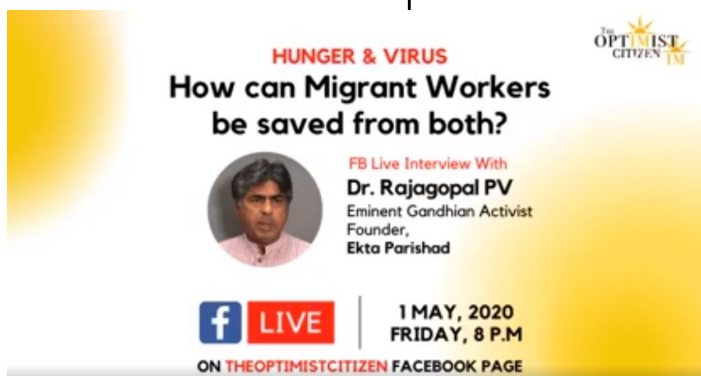
- ♦ Current situations under Covid 19 must not be seen as a current position only in India. It must be seen in the context of many past years of India. We all have been discussing poverty in India since last 70 plus years and we are not able to win this fully. All successive governments are responsible for this.
- ♦ We are in favor of Mass production, but we should favor and practice Production by Masses. Because, there has been a process of marketization, privatization in the country from long, there is threats to the land , water , forest those are protected, managed and restored by masses since years .
- ♦ To overcome poverty, and to ensure a real progress by the masses, there has to be collaborative process by State

in action. India at present is the third biggest buyer of arms in the world, next to United States and China . Reducing expenditure on arms must contribute to the country and especially the masses currently marginalized under Covid 19, Lockdown and future course of multiple crisis.

♦ Long back there were Grain Banks in the villages. Community was self sufficient in food during emergencies /

disasters. Now that community system has been collapsed. Almost close to extinct across Rural India.

- ♦ In villages, we celebrate a new birth. We contribute a piece of wood at graveyard. We enjoy the celebration. We stand with each other. That is getting extinct now. Current position reminds us to sustain that, revive that , keep that up and alive . That can help us. That can save us.
- ♦ Honorable Prime Minister has recently said to work on Self Sufficiency while discussing current and future fight and actions of India on Covid 19 .This can be ensured through giving more attention, power, autonomy and assistance to Gram Panchayat and Villages across country.
- ♦ Gandhi jee had advocated Gram Swaraj. This is the right perspective and time to think of Rural India now in this lens.
- ♦ Role of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) has been instrumental in this country towards Rural Development and over all development. They have been instrumental during Peace Movement of Chambal, Peace Movement in Nagaland, Gujrat Earth Quake, Latur Earth Quake, Tsunami and many other such crisis.CSOs are under Home Ministry



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in our country. It could have been better if it could have been under Rural Development Ministry.

- ◆ From last some decades, it is noticed that State is not seeing CSOs as a complementary partner for development. It has played a role to control it in a very slow process. Actions of Central Government on FCRA from some years show this trend. CSOs and State really can do contribute something magic on sustainable development aspects of this country. But it won't happen seeing some past years and too the current developments. India will lose. People in villages will lose.
- ◆ These CSOs could have attracted much of funds and resources from across the globe during this crisis. It is not possible now. State as entity must realize one day on this aspect of CSOs, their role for the country, especially for sustainable development and eradicating poverty.
- ◆ Numbers of unorganized laborers is very high in this country. Almost more than some 80-90 %. Their situation now is precarious. Same is the future. They are afraid of Covid 19 and doubtful about their food security, wages and employment.
- ◆ UN organizations, especially the International Labor Organization (ILO) is working on this. But they are focusing on organized sector of labor. This labor in any country is very less. In India, this labor force counts to maximum 10 %. So, ILO a beautiful system. But it is not helping the poor.
- ◆ Many workers, laborers, poors in this country are still under bondage, slavery. They are not seen easily. In our country there is Act on Bonded Labour Release and Rehabilitation. But, our machinery is working on release, but not on rehabilitation. Many of the Labour Officers are in side of the system. Means they are not in the favour of the labour, the victim, the marginalised. We need time and action for this. Continuous discussion and action will only help.

So let work together for Gram Panchayat and Village to contribute to the nation and to the poor. Working on our land, water and forest by the masses would bring a sustainable turnout. We must win Covid 19 pandemic. Let all CSOs, State and people work in a collaborative ways.

(Written by: Satyajit Jena)

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Efforts of Ekta Parishad ensured....

⇒ ***Support of Sheopur District Administration:*** The support of Sheopur district administration in carrying back those migrant laborers in providing food and other facilities to those stuck lockdown in Rajsthan have been very positive and the District collector had been available all the time on phone as result all the migrant laborers successfully carried to their villages and provided food and medical facility to them.

The result of people's advocacy in Sheopur was very fruitful because all the buses that were coming to Sheopur were also used to carry workers from different district of Madhya Pradesh to Sheopur, where district administration made separate arrangement for carrying the migrant workers to their concern village. As a result of the this people's advocacy around 1500 laborers of Sheopur, Shivpuri, Guna, Ashoknagar, Shahdol, Tikamgarh, Satna, Dindori, Sagar district also headed for their districts from Sheopur.

The campaign that had been launched by Ekta Parishad for the return of migrant laborers from Jaishalmer in the last 15 days was concluded with the return of laborers to their home villages. Now there is concern for future of these laborers as to how they would mobilize resources for their survival for the next five months. It is sure that they would pass through this tough phase collectively with support from Ekta Parishad. Thanks to all supporters, good wishes and government of Rajsthan and Madhya Pradesh for actively supporting in this Endeavour for meeting this tough challenge.



On International Labor Day

Learning from the crisis of agricultural laborers stranded for more than 30 days in the lockdown

Need for amendment in labor law

Protection of the Rights of

- Migrant agricultural laborers
- Children of migrant worker
- Interstate migrant workers

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