

No Proof? No Scheme... No Roof

A Story of Motiram Chavan

Mr. Motiram Chavan belongs from Banjara (DNT) community, occupation Land labour - Age 65 residing at Deulgaon Sakarsha, Bajara Tanda , the Banjara Tanda is situated west part of the main village approx. 3 km from the village. The all Banjara Community is depended on the village, no employment, No schemes, No education No any rights so no dignity. Only they have word "NO".

Motiram has 3 children and total 5 family members; due to lack of education he got only labour work on the landlord's field in main village. Now Motiram is 65 and still he has no sufficient documentation to prove his citizenship or resident of the village.

The elder son Sanjay is trying to take care of his father by taking family responsibilities on his head, he contacted to Mr. Nrendra Pawar who is working with the local Non Government organization call Savitiribai Phule Mahila Mandal. He asked him about the schemes for the aged persons and he got information about "Shravan Bal" Scheme from which the remuneration of Rs. 500/- per month for the livelihoods needs. Sanjay has shared the information with his father and Motiram was very happy because the amount of 500/- is very big amount for him so he decided to make application for support.

Based on guidance of Mr. Narendra Pawar both Motiram and Sanjay have filled up the application form and they were seen that some of the documents are needed for the completion of application. The landless certificate is important document for the entitlement therefore both of them has gone to the Talathi (Patwari) and presented their case that they are landless and requested the certificate. Talathi has asked him to submit the residential proof. Due to lack of legal proof of the resident rather than he residing last 14 years he was not able to take benefit of the scheme.

Now the issue is not for the benefit of one scheme it is a issue of the survival of his family, the two sons of Motiram waiting for the employment opportunities and entitlements of the government schemes which is for DNT/ NT communities. The Sarpanch & Talathi are aware that Motiram is landless but due to lack of recordings of any proof the families are not able to get benefits of the government schemes. The only option with the family is work as a labourer till death.

There are many Motiram's in the same community who is waiting for the justice and right of the citizens. In short no proof no roof ...