

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA: CUTTACK.

W.P. (C) NO. 13403 OF 2015

Sri Bipin Bihari Pradhan ... PETITIONER.

-VERSUS-

State of Odisha and others ... OPP. PARTIES.

CONVENIENCE NOTE FOR 07.12.2022

No follow up regarding skill Development Programs in most of the identified Districts (except Balasore):

1. The photos and videos appended to the affidavit dated 14.11.2022 filed on behalf of the Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, SS & EPD Department, Odisha, do not disclose any follow up being carried out towards skill development programs in districts of Bargarh, Cuttack, Jajpur, Puri and Sundergarh. Further directions may kindly be issued for following up in a regular basis with regard to the skill development training imparted to the leprosy affected persons.

2. The photographs and videos relating to Lewis Leprosy Colony at Balasore show that training is being imparted in the followings areas:

- i. Making local towels called 'Gamcha' (Excellent Weaving unit)
- ii. Mushroom Farming
- iii. Making of Composts

Directions may kindly be issued to Collectors of districts of Bargarh, Cuttack, Jajpur, Puri and Sundergarh to implement the aforesaid practices and to further explore other such skill development

activities on an urgent basis. The model followed by Balasore can be a good template for other colonies.

Proper visits have not been carried out:

3. From the videos and photographs relating to **Puri**, it appears that there is no visit to the 'Sanjay Leprosy Colony' located in the station area.

4. With regards to **Jajpur**, the entire colony is not covered in the photograph. Only the portions with tiled roads are covered.

Housing Facility needs to be improved:

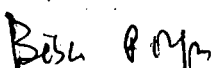
5. As per the photos appended by the State Government it appears that the inmates of Saraswati Colony in the district of Mayurbhanj are staying in houses which have thatched roof. Necessary directions may kindly be passed to improve the living conditions of the inmates in the district of Mayurbhanj and improve their housing facility.


Balasore- Construction of houses needs to be expedited:

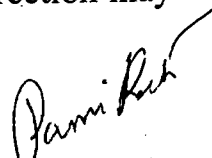
6. The construction of twenty houses has not yet been completed and the progress of work seems to be slow at Lewis Leprosy Colony. Directions may kindly be issued for completion of the same in a time bound manner.

Relocation of inmates of Colonies of Puri needs to be expedited:

7. Relocation of inmates of relevant Leprosy Colonies of Puri district need to be carried out in a time bound manner. Direction may kindly be issued in this regard.


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