

(File no. 1432/2013)

It has been brought to the notice of BHRC that Block Revenue Karmchhari of Ramnagar block in Bagaha (West Champaran) were warned by senior formations at the fag end of financial year 2012-13 that if they fail to collect the land Revenue (लगान) they will have to pay for it and this was literally translated into action. The Circle Officer of Ramnagar block drew six months salary of Revenue Karmachari's under him, deposited it in his Bank Account. **Rs Eight Lakhs so collected was deposited in the govt. accounts by challan showing as collection of Land Revenue on 30th March, 2013.** This has happened with Karmacharis of Piprasi Anchal (Bagaha-2) also. The affected Revenue Karmacharis have approached the Commission saying they have not been paid salaries for 6(Six) months, are starving and finding difficult to pay school fee of their children and sustain their families.

2. **The allegations, if true, indicates blatant violations of rules by seniors, which I am afraid, never allows exercise of such arbitrary authority and also shows scant regard for Human Rights of subordinate officials.**

3. **The Commission takes serious note of it and directs the District Magistrate, West Champaran to immediately enquire into the allegations and submit report which should include the following points :-**

(a) Is it a fact that salaries of Revenue Karmacharis were deposited as Land Revenue on 30th March, 2013 by the circle officer?

(b) If so, by whose orders?

(c) Whether salary has been paid to the Karmacharis or not as yet? If not why ?

(d) Whether any rules/circulars permit such an arbitrary action. Instead of taking disciplinary action against erring employees why their salaries have been forfeited and deposited as land revenue.

(e) What actions are proposed by the District Magistrate.

4. **The District Magistrate, West Champaran will appear before the Commission on 11th June, 2013(Tuesday) at 12:30 hrs along with his report on the above points .**

It is, however, clarified that if DM, West Champaran submit his report by 8th June, 2013 his personal appearance will remain dispensed with.

5. Copy of the order be **faxed** to the **District Magistrate, West Champaran** for compliance and to **the Divisional Commissioner, Muzaffarpur** and **Principal Secretary, Revenue & Land Reforms, Govt. of Bihar** for information.

Date: 13.5.2013

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Member