

Title: Need to send a fact-finding team to Nawrangpur, Koraput and Malkangiri districts of Orissa to ensure that people below the poverty line get the benefit of red card.

SHRI PARSURAM MAJHI (NOWRANGPUR): Sir, Nawrangpur Parliamentary Constituency which covers the districts of Nawrangpur, Koraput and Malkangiri is a part of the K.B.K. districts of Orissa. It is mostly inhabited by the tribals. They are very poor people. Government of India is giving rice to those districts for distribution among the B.P.L. (Below Poverty Line) cardholders including tribals. As per the decision of the Government of India, each B.P.L. cardholder family is to get 20 kgs. of rice @ Rs.2/- and Rs.4/- per month. But, the survey has been conducted in such a manner where rich and influential people are included and thousands of poor and needy tribals are being deprived of getting the benefit of B.P.L. rice supplied by the Government of India. It has forced them to starve.

The rural poor will die on account of malnutrition, if rice is not supplied to them immediately.

Therefore, I request the Union Government to send a fact-finding mission to Nawrangpur, Koraput and Malkangiri district as early as possible and advise the State Government to make a proper survey again and immediate, effective arrangements should be made to supply the required rice to the people concerned.