

Report on Homeless People

Joint Inspection

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(In the case: PUCL Vs UOI and Others, Writ Petition (Civil) No. 196 of 2001)

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Preface

In the light of the Supreme Court order, dated 07th January 2011, joint enquiry team comprising the government officials and representatives of Bihar Advisor to the Supreme Court Commissioners inspected 25 homeless shelters in 5 cities.

The needy poor were not aware about homeless shelters because administration had not done sufficient publicity.

Findings of the enquiry team disclose that all the centres were furnished just a few days before start of the enquiry. White washing was done recently & new blankets and bed sheets were found. In most of the homeless shelters basic amenities like toilets, drinking water facility & cleanliness were not found. All shelters lack community kitchen, registration facilities, security, alternative lighting facility during non-availability of electricity and mosquito repellants. There was no separate shelter for destitute, women and children.

We are thankful to government officials, representatives of the Bihar Advisor and poor residents of the shelters home for the contribution in making of this report.

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The Supreme Court passed order on 10.02.2010 in the case PUCL vs UOI & others, Writ Petition (Civil) no. 196/2001 that mandated every state government and UTs to build one homeless shelter for every 1 lakh population to accommodate 100 persons in every cities having population more than 5 lakh and covered under JNNURM. This shelter should be open 24 hrs. a day and 365 days a year. It should have all basics amenities like mattress, bed roll, blanket, portable drinking water, functional latrines, first aid, primary health facilities, de addiction and recreation facilities etc.

In the wake of the Supreme Court order dated 07.01.2011 a joint inspection team comprising government officials from Bihar and representatives of Bihar Advisor to the Supreme Court Commissioners inspected homeless shelters in all 9 cities of Bihar where homeless shelters are supposed to exist. The inspection went from 21st January to 27th January 2011 & the report was submitted through commissioners to the Supreme Court on the 28th of January.

Context

According to the Census of India homeless people are those who have no 'census homes'. The home is defined as 'a structure with roof'. So, people living on the roadside, pavements, drainage pipes, under staircases, or in the open, temple-mandaps, platforms and the like (Census of India, 1991:64) are considered as homeless. They also include those who live without shelter, in constructions not meant for habitation and in welfare institutions (United Nations 1999). According to the Census 2001 the number of homeless was 1.94 million in India, of whom 1.16 million lived in villages, and only 0.77 million lived in cities and towns. At that time Patna had 5624 homeless persons which were underestimated.

On 15th December 2010 Shri Harsh Mander (Special Commissioner of the Supreme Court), Dr. Sajjad Hasan and Mr. Rupesh held meeting with development Commissioner of the Bihar Government & Principal Secretary of the concerned department and discussed the problems of homeless in Bihar.

Before we received the letter from the Government of Bihar for inspection of homeless shelter we had done a night survey of people living on pavements, under bridges, on dividers in Patna in the winter season, on 25th December 2010. In this regard we had informed the Bihar Government, Patna administration and disaster management department through letter dated 16.12.2010 about the poor living under open sky in severe cold nights without proper shelter.

A 3 member team covered areas near Radio station, Frazer Road, Golghar Areas near residence of District Magistrate, Museum area, Veer Chand Patel Path, Harding Road and Station Road.

Near Radio Station the team found that 60 poor people- Rikshaw puller, daily wage earners and rag pickers were living in the open sky beside the wall of the radio station. Raju and Md. Jamal who were rag pickers came from Chhpra district. They told the team that they did not have shelter, so, after whole day rag picking works they spent night on cartoon sheet with only a bed sheet to cover themselves. Three rikshaw pullers, Karu Mahato (from Mokama Block of Patna district), Sanjay Kumar (Hajipur District) and Manoj (Purnia district) were sleeping on thin sheet on the pavement in front of Maurya Hotel. They said that this place has been their shelter since they came to Patna in 2000. 70 year old Rajendra Sahani from Muzaffarpur ran small eatry place for poor people on the pavement opposite S.P. Kothi said that more than 100 poor people live on roadside around Gandhi Maidan.

When the team reached historical Golghar, it found that 25 rikshaw pullers were preparing to eat night food by the road side. They had hung plastic sheet for cover with the help of strings tied to the rikshaw hood and boundary walls of the Golghar. Chandrika Sahani, resident of Muzaffarpur said that around 50 labours and rikshaw puller & cart pullers live under the open sky in the premise of Golghar.

Then the team moved to Museum area where the situation was the same. In Veerchand Patel Path, Harding Road and Station Road people were found sleeping on the divider. A copy of the report was sent to the Chief Secretary, Patna district magistrate and disaster management department.

After receiving the letter from the Government of Bihar, Mr. Rupesh held a meeting with the Special Secretary Dr. D. K. Shukla of the Urban Development & Housing Department and it was decided that all shelters in 9 cities would be inspected from 21st January to 27th January 2011.

Bihar has 51 homeless shelters. As per the Supreme Court norms 11 more are required and 9 have to be upgraded.

Homeless shelters were inspected in following cities:

Muzaffarpur: All 9 homeless shelters were jointly inspected by representative of Bihar Advisor of the Supreme Court Commissioners, Mr. Saket Kumar Singh alias Raju Singh, Subodh Pandey and Municipal Commissioner of Muzaffarpur from 9.15 PM to 11.40 PM on 24th January 2011.

	Findings	Problems
Kalambag Chauk Shelter home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10 People were sleeping. ■ Toilet was attached with the shelter. ■ Blankets and bed sheets had arrived 10-15 days back. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Homeless Vasudev Paswan told the team that there was no facility for cooking food and no availability of food at cheap rate. In response to his complaint, municipal commissioner replied that 1 NGO was given responsibility to supply food at

		<p>affordable rate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity. ■ Mosquito and rat menace. ■ Lack of cleanliness. ■ No registration of homeless people. No drinking water facility. ■ No facility to keep blanket, bed sheet & other items. ■ No security arrangement for the residents.
Ramdayalu Nagar Shelter Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 6 People were sleeping. ■ Blankets and bed sheets were available. ■ Drinking water facility as hand pump was found. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No community kitchen was available here. ■ No toilet facility was available. ■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity. ■ Mosquito menace. ■ Lack of cleanliness. ■ No registration of homeless people. ■ No facility to keep blanket, bed sheet & other items. ■ No security arrangement for the residents.
Jila School Shelter Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8 People were sleeping. ■ Blankets and bed sheets were given to them only 4-5 days back according to homeless people. ■ Toilet and drinking water facilities were available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No community kitchen available here. ■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity. ■ No mosquito repellent. ■ Lack of cleanliness. ■ No registration of homeless people. No security arrangement for the residents. No
Jail Road shelter home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 12 People including a woman were sleeping. ■ Blankets and bed sheets were given to them only a week back according to homeless people. ■ Only drinking water facility was available. ■ Commissioner told the team that one NGO was entrusted with the responsibility of providing food to the homeless but homeless do not get food. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ community kitchen available here. No toilet facility available here. ■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity. ■ No mosquito repellent. ■ Lack of cleanliness. ■ No registration of homeless people. ■ No security arrangement for the residents.
Tilak Maidan Road shelter home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ It has capacity to accommodate 100 persons. ■ It has 5 rooms with attached bathroom & one big hall. ■ Blankets and bed sheets were in sufficient number. ■ Only drinking water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No community kitchen available here. ■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity. ■ No mosquito repellent. ■ No registration of homeless people. ■ No security arrangement for the residents.

	<p>facility was available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Number of homeless persons staying here was less than its accommodating capacity. ■ According to Rajesh Mani who often stays here all facilities were satisfactory. 	
Jila Parishad shelter home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The number of homeless staying here was in good number. ■ According to homeless woman, Fekani Devi who sales 'Datun' told the team that all arrangements like blanket, bed sheet & fire were done only today and this was confirmed by Manoj Sah a rikshaw puller. ■ Staff of municipal corporation Jamuddin Ansari said that he was posted here today. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No community kitchen available here. ■ No drinking water and toilet facilities. ■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity. ■ No facility to keep blanket, bed sheet & other items. ■ No mosquito repellent. ■ No registration of homeless people. ■ No security arrangement for the residents.
Station road malgodam shelter home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5 People were found sleeping here. ■ Md. Islam, a rag-picker often stays here told the team that blankets and bed sheets were given to them only 15 days back. He also said that he had to pay Rs. 2 for using toilet. ■ One lady was also found sleeping there. ■ Fire was burning to keep them warm. ■ Drinking water facility was available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No community kitchen available here. ■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity. ■ No facility to keep blanket, bed sheet & other items. ■ No mosquito repellent. ■ Separate arrangement was not available for men and women. ■ No registration of homeless people. ■ No security arrangement for the residents.
Bagwanpur shelter home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9 People were found sleeping here. This shelter home does not come under the jurisdiction of Municipal Corporation, but it looks after it. ■ Each homeless person was provided one blanket. ■ Umesh Sah, rikshaw puller told the team that he used 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No community kitchen available here. ■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity. ■ No facility to keep blanket, bed sheet & other items. ■ No mosquito repellent. ■ No fire for warming them. ■ Separate arrangement was not available for men and women. ■ No registration of homeless people.

	<p>Sulabh International as there was no toilet facility in the shelter.</p> <p>■ One hand pump in working condition was found there.</p>	<p>■ No security arrangement for the residents.</p>
Bariya golambar shelter home	<p>■ 7 People were found sleeping here.</p> <p>■ Each homeless person was provided with one blanket.</p> <p>■ All homeless persons had come to stay here only today.</p> <p>■ Commissioner said that he had got announced through mike for homeless to stay here.</p> <p>■ It looked clean and one stand to keep water vessel was kept in the corner.</p>	<p>■ No community kitchen available here.</p> <p>■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity.</p> <p>■ No facility to keep blanket, bed sheet & other items.</p> <p>■ No toilet facility available there.</p> <p>■ No mosquito repellent.</p> <p>■ Separate arrangements was not available for men and women.</p> <p>■ No registration of homeless people.</p> <p>■ No security arrangement for the residents.</p>

Chhapara: One homeless shelter was jointly inspected by representative of Bihar Advisor of the Supreme Court Commissioners, Mr. Manoj Mishra and Executive Officer of Chhapara.

	Finding	Problems
Homeless Shelter Chhapara	<p>■ It has 3 rooms and a hall. 2 rooms for men (12 ft x 12 ft), one room for women (12ft x 12ft) & one room for office (8ft x 8ft) and one hall (70ft x 30ft).</p> <p>■ 100 blankets and 20 bed sheets were kept in the corner.</p> <p>■ One hand pump and supply water tap were located.</p> <p>■ It can accommodate 100 homeless persons.</p> <p>■ It was started on 31st December 2010.</p> <p>■ One NGO 'Jan Vikas Samiti' is entrusted with the task of managing this shelter home.</p> <p>■ According to Executive Officer hordings were erected at public places to provide information to the public.</p>	<p>■ All the rooms were furnished recently for inspection purpose.</p> <p>■ All bed sheets and blankets were new.</p> <p>■ Flax board to display information was not found.</p> <p>■ No community kitchen available here.</p> <p>■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity.</p> <p>■ No facility to keep blanket, bed sheet & other items.</p> <p>■ No toilet facility available there.</p> <p>■ No mosquito repellent.</p> <p>■ No registration of homeless people.</p> <p>■ No security arrangement for the residents.</p>

Gaya: 6 homeless shelters were jointly inspected by representative of Bihar Advisor of the Supreme Court Commissioners, Father Jose, Upendra Singh and Municipal Commissioner, Gaya.

	Finding	Problems
Homeless Shelter No. 1, Gandhi Maidan, Church Road (for Disables)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ It has 2 rooms: One (10ft x 8ft) for official works & one (40ft x 8ft) homeless disables. ■ Accommodation capacity- 10 people ■ Drinking water & toilet facilities were available here in the premise. ■ Number of blanket- 10 and straw were available. ■ Rainbasera was surrounded by boundary wall. ■ Food was to be provided by a NGO ‘Adarsh Dalit Utthan Seva Sansthan’. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity. ■ No facility to keep blankets, bed sheets & other items. ■ No mosquito repellent. ■ No registration of homeless people. ■ No security arrangement for the residents.
Homeless Shelter No. 2, Gandhi Maidan, Church Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ It has one hall 50 ft x 8ft. ■ Accommodation capacity- 15 people ■ Drinking water & toilet facilities were available here in the premise. ■ Number of blanket- 15 and straw were available. ■ Rainbasera was surrounded by boundary wall. ■ Food was to be provided by an NGO ‘Adarsh Dalit Utthan Seva Sansthan’. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity. ■ No facility to keep blanket, bed sheet & other items. ■ No mosquito repellent. ■ No registration of homeless people. ■ No security arrangement for the residents.
Homeless Shelter No. 3, Gandhi Maidan, Church Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ It has one hall 50 ft x 8ft. ■ Accommodation capacity- 15 people ■ Drinking water & toilet facilities were available here in the premise. ■ Number of blanket- 15 and straw were available. ■ Rainbasera was surrounded by boundary wall. ■ Food was to be provided by an NGO ‘Adarsh Dalit Utthan Seva Sansthan’. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity. ■ No facility to keep blankets, bed sheets & other items. ■ No mosquito repellent. ■ No registration of homeless people. ■ No security arrangement for the residents.
Homeless Shelter No.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ It has one hall 50 ft x 8ft. ■ Accommodation capacity- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity.

<p>5, Near Collector's office, Sri Krishna Road</p>	<p>15 people ■ Drinking water & toilet facilities were not in the premise. ■ Number of blanket- 15 and straw were available. ■ Rainbasera' three sides were surrounded by boundary wall and front side was covered with plastic. ■ Food was to be provided by an NGO 'Kla Bihar, Gaya'.</p>	<p>■ No facility to keep blankets, bed sheets & other items. ■ No mosquito repellent. ■ No registration of homeless people. ■ No security arrangement for the residents.</p>
<p>Homeless Shelter No. 6, Panchayati Akhara, Sri Krishna Road</p>	<p>■ It has one hall 50 ft x 8ft. ■ Accommodation capacity- 15 people ■ Drinking water facilities were available here in the premise. ■ Number of blanket- 15 and straw were available. ■ Rainbasera was surrounded by boundary wall. ■ Food was to be provided by an NGO 'Kla Bihar, Gaya'.</p>	<p>■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity. ■ No toilet facility was available in the premise. ■ No facility to keep blankets, bed sheets & other items. ■ No mosquito repellent. ■ No registration of homeless people. ■ No security arrangement for the residents.</p>
<p>2 Homeless Shelter near of Gandhi Maidan, Church</p>	<p>■ It has 2 halls of each 45ft x 22ft. ■ Accommodation capacity- 100 people ■ Drinking water facility was available here in the premise. ■ Number of blanket- 100 and straw were available. ■ Rainbasera was surrounded by boundary wall. ■ Food was to be provided by an NGO 'Samman Foundation'.</p>	<p>■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity. ■ No toilet facility was available in the premise. ■ No facility to keep blankets, bed sheets & other items. ■ No mosquito repellent. ■ No registration of homeless people. ■ No security arrangement for the residents.</p>

Bhagalpur: 7 homeless shelters were jointly inspected by representative of Bihar Advisor of the Supreme Court Commissioners, Uday and Municipal Commissioner, Bhagalpur on 24th January 2011 from 6 PM.

	Finding	Problems
<p>Homeless Shelter near</p>	<p>■ It has 1 room: 30ft x 10ft. ■ Accommodation capacity- 15-</p>	<p>■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity.</p>

<p>Bargachh Chauk & Khanjarpur Chauk, Bhagalpur</p>	<p>20 people ■ Number of blanket- 20 and straw were available. ■ 20 kg wood for fire warming purpose was available. ■ Food was to be provided by an NGO 'Ang Vikash Parishad' @ Rs. 20 per plate. ■ Homeless shelter was managed by 'Ang Vikash Parishad' NGO, Housing board, Barari, Bhagalpur.</p>	<p>■ No toilet and portable water facilities. ■ No facility to keep blanket, bed sheet & other items. ■ No mosquito repellent. ■ No registration of homeless people. ■ No security arrangement for the residents.</p>
<p>Homeless Shelter near Barari High School, Bhagalpur</p>	<p>■ It has 1 room: 15ft x 10ft. ■ Accommodation capacity- 5-8 people ■ Number of blanket- 10 and straw were available all were new. ■ Drinking water & toilet facilities were available at 10 ft away from the shelter. ■ 20 kg wood for fire warming purpose was available. ■ Food was to be provided by an NGO 'Ang Vikash Parishad' @ Rs. 20 per plate. ■ Homeless shelter was managed by 'Ang Vikash Parishad' NGO, Housing board, Barari, Bhagalpur.</p>	<p>■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity. ■ No facility to keep blanket, bed sheet & other items. ■ No mosquito repellent. ■ No registration of homeless people. ■ No security arrangement for the residents.</p>
<p>Homeless Shelter near Jawaharlal Neharu Hospital, Bhagalpur</p>	<p>■ It has 1 room: 15ft x 10ft. ■ Accommodation capacity- 5-8 people ■ Number of blanket- 10 and straw were available. ■ Hand pump at the distance of 20ft and toilet facility was not available, people used Sulabh Shauchalaya. ■ 20 kg wood for fire warming purpose was available. ■ Food was to be provided by a NGO 'Ang Vikash Parishad' @ Rs. 20 per plate. ■ Homeless shelter was managed by 'Ang Vikash Parishad' NGO, Housing board, Barari, Bhagalpur.</p>	<p>■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity. ■ No facility to keep blanket, bed sheet & other items. ■ No mosquito repellent. ■ No registration of homeless people. ■ No security arrangement for the residents.</p>
<p>Homeless</p>	<p>■ It has 1 room: 30ft x 10ft.</p>	<p>■ There was no alternative facility for</p>

<p>Shelter near Nath Nagar, Bhagalpur</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Accommodation capacity- 15-20 people ■ Number of blanket- 20 and straw were available. ■ Hand pump & toilet were situated at the distance of 10ft from the shelter. ■ 25 kg wood for fire warming purpose was available. ■ Food was to be provided by a NGO 'Ang Vikash Parishad' @ Rs. 20 per plate. ■ Homeless shelter was managed by 'Ang Vikash Parishad' NGO, Housing board, Barari, Bhagalpur. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ lighting in the absence of electricity. ■ No facility to keep blanket, bed sheet & other items. ■ No mosquito repellent. ■ No registration of homeless people. ■ No security arrangement for the residents.
<p>Homeless Shelter near Ghanta Ghar, Radha Rani Sinha Road, Bhagalpur</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ It has 1 room: 30ft x 10ft. ■ Accommodation capacity- 15-20 people ■ Number of blanket- 20 and straw were available all were new. ■ Hand pump & toilet were situated at the distance of 10ft from the shelter. ■ 25 kg wood for fire warming purpose was available. ■ Food was to be provided by an NGO 'Ang Vikash Parishad' @ Rs. 20 per plate. ■ Homeless shelter was managed by 'Ang Vikash Parishad' NGO, Housing board, Barari, Bhagalpur. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity. ■ No facility to keep blanket, bed sheet & other items. ■ No mosquito repellent. ■ No registration of homeless people. ■ No security arrangement for the residents.
<p>Homeless Shelter near Kotwali Thana, Bhagalpur</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ It has 1 room: 15ft x 10ft. ■ Accommodation capacity- 5-8 people ■ Number of blanket- 10 and straw were available, all were new. ■ Hand pump at the distance of 10ft and toilet facility was not available, people used Sulabh Shauchalaya. ■ 20 kg wood for fire warming purpose was available. ■ Food was to be provided by an NGO 'Ang Vikash Parishad' @ Rs. 20 per plate. ■ Homeless shelter was 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity. ■ No facility to keep blanket, bed sheet & other items. ■ No mosquito repellent. ■ No registration of homeless people. ■ No security arrangement for the residents.

	managed by 'Ang Vikash Parishad' NGO, Housing board, Barari, Bhagalpur.	
Dokania Dharamshala, Near Railway Station, Bhagwan Mahaveer Path Bhagalpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ It has 3 rooms: each 25ft x 15ft & two corridors- 36ft x 14 ■ Accommodation capacity- 100 people ■ Number of blanket- 100 and straw were available all were new. ■ Well fitted with electric motor to draw water and overhead tank. Homeless people used Sulabh Shauchalay. ■ 50 kg wood for fire warming purpose was available. ■ Food was to be provided by an NGO 'Ang Vikash Parishad' @ Rs. 20 per plate. ■ Homeless shelter was managed by 'Ang Vikash Parishad' NGO, Housing board, Barari, Bhagalpur. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity. ■ No facility to keep blanket, bed sheet & other items. ■ No mosquito repellent. ■ No registration of homeless people. ■ No security arrangement for the residents.

Darbhanga: 2 homeless shelters were jointly inspected by representative of Bihar Advisor of the Supreme Court Commissioners, Vishwanath Mishra and Municipal Commissioner, Darbhanga.

	Finding	Problems
Homeless Shelter, Near bus stand, Kadiria Bagh, Darbhanga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ It has a concrete building. One hall: 65ft x 14ft. ■ It had 24 beds made of concrete. ■ Accommodation capacity- 24 people ■ Drinking water & toilet facilities were available here in the premise. ■ Number of blanket- 48 and straw were available. ■ Rainbasera was surrounded by boundary wall. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No community kitchen was available. ■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity. ■ No facility to keep blanket, bed sheet & other items. ■ No mosquito repellent. ■ No registration of homeless people. ■ No security arrangement for the residents.
Homeless Shelter, Near Kamla Nehru, Laheria Sarai,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ It has a concrete building. One hall: 81ft x 15ft & one room 16ft x 15ft. ■ Accommodation capacity- 100 people ■ 3 hand pumps, 4 toilets and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No community kitchen was available. ■ There was no alternative facility for lighting in the absence of electricity. ■ No facility to keep blanket, bed sheet & other items. ■ No mosquito repellent.

<p>Darbhanga</p>	<p>1 urinal were available in the premise. ■ Number of blanket- 200 and straw were available all were new. ■ Rainbasera was surrounded by boundary wall. ■ 2 persons who had stayed last night were registered in the register.</p>	<p>■ No security arrangement for the residents.</p>
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Recommendation:

■ According to one estimate Bihar has around 5 lakh homeless living in town, cities and villages. The urgent need is to do correct enumeration of destitute, old, men, women, children who are in cities doing menial work to support themselves and are without any shelter.

■ Another important requirement is to map the area where homeless lives.

■ Upgradation of existing homeless shelters and construction of at least 50 new are required.

■ Separate shelter home for beggar, women, children & old age persons should be constructed.

■ All homeless shelters should have enough open space surrounded by boundary wall for persons to keep their sources of livelihood like rikshaw, thella etc.

■ Regular monitoring of all shelters should be done by some competent authority.

■ All shelters must have a full time care taker who is competent enough to register persons there, alternative lighting facility during the non-running electricity, cupboard and almirah for homeless people to keep their things and a separate almirah to keep blankets, bed sheet etc.

Community kitchen should be organized in every shelter.

Security arrangement should be made at every homeless shelter.

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Homeless problems in Patna



Homeless shelter home in Chhapra

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Homeless shelter home in Darbhanga



Sanitation problem of shelter home in Darbhanga

List of joint inspection team

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			Municipal Commissioner of Muzaffarpur
2	Chhapra	Mr. Manoj Kumar Mishra	Representative of Bihar Advisor of the Supreme Court Commissioners
			Executive Officer of Chhapra
3	Gaya	Father Jose	Representative of Bihar Advisor of the Supreme Court Commissioners
		Upendra Singh	Representative of Bihar Advisor of the Supreme Court Commissioners
			Municipal Commissioner, Gaya
4	Bhagalpur	Uday	Representative of Bihar Advisor of the Supreme Court Commissioners
			Municipal Commissioner, Bhagalpur
5	Darbhanga	Vishwanath Mishra	Representative of Bihar Advisor of the Supreme Court Commissioners
			Municipal Commissioner, Darbhanga

