

### **Case Study: Notification for PDS Shop within 3 KM of radius.**

During Gram Swasthyan Abhiya awareness on quantity of ration distribution, distance of PDS shop, items under PDS, have increased and villagers raise this issue in Gram Sabha. Two PDS dealers are suspended after complain by Gram Sabha at Hehegara, and Muru. During Gram Sabha it was discussed that PDS shop should be within 3 KM as per Food Security Act 2013, but Gram sabha of village Meral, Tanwai (Lat panchayat), Mandal, Tataha (Morwai kala panchayat), Haratu, Mundu, Ladi, Ramandag (Haratu panchayat), Opag (Chungru panchayat), Ukamad, Muru, (Ukamad panchayat), Baridohar (Kuchila panchayat), Harinamad (Chhipadohar panchayat) felt that villagers usually go around 8-10 KM to take ration and they are facing other difficulties also, for example sometimes there is no link (Internet) and villagers return after waiting and thus whole day is spent in vain. Villagers requested PDS dealer to solve the problem but he did not care. Gram sabha collectively decided to write to State Food Commission and respective officer such as Block Supply Officer. All Gram sabha representatives and public decided to assemble on 9<sup>th</sup> February at Barwadih block campus, around 300 villagers and Gram paradhan, gathered at block campus and called BSO to hear & receive the complain. BSO appeared in the meeting and all the 13 Gram sabha negotiated with BSO, Zila parishad member kanhai singh was also present in the meeting, all the 13 Gram sabha wrote a complaint on their letter head and submitted to BSO to resolve the issue and told to BSO that if it was not resolve Gram sabha will move to State Food Commission. On the same day BSO issued letter to respective dealers to shift their shop in the village as per the complaint letter. The letter is attached herewith for observation. Now the villagers are getting their ration within 3 KM of radius as per the provision of the act.



