

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SUPREME COURT'S ORDERS IN UP

NON-DISTRIBUTION OF ANTYODAYA CARDS TO PRIORITY GROUPS

After the May 2nd instructions of the Supreme Court regarding expansion of the PDS, especially of the Antodyaya Yojana, and with regard to the implementation of food-for-work and mid-day-meals, the Uttar Pradesh State Committee of AIDWA decided in the month of July to make a few surveys of widows and others and demand that they be given Antodyaya cards. These surveys were carried out in 7 villages of Mirzapur Dsst., and 11 mohallas each of Kanpur and Lucknow Dssts. The results are as follows:

Dsst	Total	Widows	Handicapped	Old	Singlewomen
Lucknow	298	181	27	85	5
Mirzapur	165	165			
Kanpur	449	449			

APL cards	BPL cards	Widow Pensions	Antodyaya Cards
241		2	1
120	4		1
193	46	4	3

(Mirzapur is one of the most backward districts in the State and the villages covered are amongst the poorest in the district. In spite of this, only 4 out of 165 surveyed had BPL cards. Another, telling fact is that of the 912 people surveyed, 303 (one-third) had no cards at all).

In all 3 districts, AIDWA leaders along with many of those surveyed demonstrated at the District headquarters and demanded implementation of the Supreme Court's directions. Every single District Magistrate that they met told them that they had no knowledge of the directions and no instructions had been received from the State Government about them.

This is the pathetic state of affairs in a State ruled by the BSP-BJP, headed by Mayavati who behaves with the utmost callousness towards the most poor and the most destitute.