

## Highlights August 2005

### **Beat 2: Feedback- none**

Problems raised by CLG members and Response of Police over these:

#### ***Baroda Village:***

Police should take action to stop selling of illegal liquor. Police asked the CLG to put pressure over the accused through Village Panchayat and through community mobilization. Although Police told them that they will again take action.

Police should take action over the people making chaos after drinking liquor. Police officer suggested the community could get together and catch these people handover them to the Police.

Police should take action over the persons involved in gambling in Village. Police have asked the Villagers to inform them by telephone whenever gambling would be taking place so that they can come in time and take action or else during their patrolling duty they will take action over those involved in gambling.

### **Beat 3: Feedback and problems raised and police response.**

#### ***Boriakala Village:***

Regarding the demand for action against gambling, the Police told that they are patrolling the area regularly and found that people were playing for entertainment and no money was found.

And regarding the Gandhi chowk issue, they told that they had instructed 2-3 times to the people gathering at the square not to play 'Pasa' with money.

#### ***Doomartarai Village:***

Regarding the demand to take action against the anti-social elements involved in gambling & mischievous activities near the Satnami Bhawan and Anganwadi, the Police informed them that they are continuously checking these places during their patrolling and keeping surveillance. CLG members said that since last 2 weeks the anti-social elements were not gathering in these place, and shown satisfaction over police action.

#### ***Dhaneli Village:***

The CLG members shared that although illegal liquor is not flowing in the Village since last few months after the police took strong action over the person involved in the illicit business, but since last fortnight it has started again. However the liquor is sold only to those people who are well known to the accused. So, CLG members asked the Police to again take action in civil dress. Police said that they would inform this to T.I. for the further action.

#### ***Tameri Village:***

The CLG member (women Sarpanch of Tameri) asked the Police to patrol on alternated days after 7 pm so that a pressure would be maintained over anti-social elements of Village.

Police told that they would try to follow it as much as possible and they will inform the Patrolling party.

#### **Beat 4: Feedback, problems raised and police committment**

##### **Mana Basti**

Regarding police patrolling the CLG members told that now the Police are reaching to the interiors of the Village in the Gypsy, which they received a fortnight ago. But they also informed that the frequency of patrolling is low and they hardly come after 9 pm.

Regarding the demand of police presence at the weekly Sunday market in the Village, the CLG members told that Police are present at the time of market and are satisfied with the Police presence.

In order to check the increasing incidence of the accident at the NH-43 road crossing the Mana Basti Village, the CLG asked to put 2 more traffic stopper on the Jagdalpur side of the road just before the beginning of the Village. This would slow down the vehicle's speed coming from the Jagdalpur side towards Raipur. {Police Response: The Beat-IV officer told that he would inform the T.I. regarding this}.

The CLG members asked the Police officer that they should direct the Kotwar to collect the information of the people living on rent in their Village. This was important for the security of their Village. The Police officer said that they would inform the T.I. regarding the request to order the Kotwar to collect this information.

##### **Mana Colony-**

Regarding the demand of Police patrolling and to make surveillance over the gambling occurring outside the Village, the CLG members told that Police is hardly coming on patrolling in the Village, and they are not at all satisfied with the patrolling.

As CLG members came to know that Police has got a small 4 wheeler Gypsy, so they asked the Police to patrol at least twice a week including Sundays where they should check the gambling activities in the Village The Beat-IV officer told that they would inform the Patrolling party regarding this.

##### **Bhatgaon**

Regarding the demand of action against some Villagers who were creating nuisance and harming public property in the Village, the CLG members told that since they along with Panchayat warned these people, they stooped their anti-social activities in the Village, and thus they did not register any complaint to the Police Station regarding this matter.

CLG members asked the Police to patrol at least twice a week as well as on Sunday especially between 12 to 3 pm.

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### **Expectation of Police from CLG members:**

Regarding the tenant's information the police officer told the CLG members could also gather the tenant's information residing nearby their house, and atleast could identify the tenants and pursue the Kotwar to take the information.

Police asked the CLG members to assist the police in locating the place where illicit liquor is hidden.

The H.C. asked the CLG members to cooperate the Police by giving crime information and also told them that they themselves by unity can arrest the person involved in notorious activities and then inform/handover them to the police for further action.

### **Comments**

*Regarding Community Mobilization:* Over the sustainable and effective control over illegal liquor sale and problems to it in the Baroda Village, the CLG members and Police accepted our suggestion, that if the women members of all the Village women's group and CLG members along with Police patrol in Village continuously for 4-5 days during the peak notorious activities hours, then this could check the problem. And later without the help of Police they would be in a position to stop it. However the Police personnel present told that women's participation in patrolling would require T.I.'s permission.

The CLG member of Dharampura told the other CLG members about how the Villagers of Dharampura stopped the sale of illegal liquor in their Village by community mobilization mostly by the women folk.

*Regarding the News Letter:* Over the discussion of the proposed Newsletter 'Mana Sahyog', the CLG member gave an idea that this newsletter should also be sent to the naxal area so that the people residing there can learn and could be motivated from the Mana experience of coordination between Police, Public & Panchayat. This idea was praised and welcomed by all present in the meeting.

### **Meeting of T.I. (SHO) with CLG (Community Liaison Group) Members: -**

#### **Action taken and feedback given by CLG members over the problems raised in last T.I. meeting:-**

Regarding the common problem that all the *Pan* (Beetle) shops as well other shops were selling Cigarettes, '*jarda*', etc within 100 mts. of schools should be informed by Police not to sell it. The police informed that they have taken action and instructed the same to the shopkeepers. They were satisfied by the Police action}

#### **Problems raise by CLG members and the Police's response to it: -**

Common Problem: In order to check the sale of Cigarettes, '*Jarda*' to the school going children's, CLG members have asked the police personnel first to instruct all the Pan shops, and shops near the school not to sell them to the school going children and if they still found them guilty then action should be taken against them.

Police response: The CSP said that action would be taken very soon and had instructed to the Mana Police to check & warn the shops near by schools.

Expectation made by Police from CLG members:

The CSP & TI told to the CLG members that they should come to the police fearlessly with their problems and should help the police by doing their expected citizen's duties like giving information of any suspected activities, submitting the details about their tenants, etc and should be aware about their rights also.

**Comments**

The CLG members were satisfied with the Police action over the problem raised in last CLG meeting.

Regarding the sale of Cigarettes, 'Jarda', etc near the school in Villages of Mana P.S., the CLG members changed their view as shown in last meeting and here they in consensus came to the conclusion that instead of stopping the sale of Cigarettes, 'Jarda', etc near by school which would takeaway the livelihood sources of many shops, it is better that these and other shops should be strictly instructed not to sell these items to school going children's. *As the CLG members were told in the last meeting about the recent Supreme Court directives regarding the minimum distance of these cigarettes shops from school, but here it shows that at some instances there are differences between decisions taken at social-community platform and at legal platform over the means to attain a common cause.*

One active CLG member of Baroda sad that the illegal liquor seller of Village and his wife had came to him about a week ago and asked him not to raise the issue of illicit liquor sale in the Village again. He further inquired why these people had come to him only and not to others. In response the CSP told that as problems raised here are for common cause so at these instances all the CLG members should come together. In another case of same threat incidence, active CLG members of Bhatgaon siad that some notorious and antisocial elements of his Village were threatening him to face the result when he resisted and voiced against liquor intake in public. He further told that these types of elements are also involved in many notorious activities & theft in the Village. In response the CSP asked CLG members that these types of incidences should be reported to the P.S. so that action could be taken against them.