

Teachers demand Regularization of Jobs in Jharkhand

Jamshedpur, June 19: As part of their planned strategy, the para-teachers in the state are targeting houses of ministers to press for their long-standing demands.

The para-teachers, who have been demanding regularization of their jobs with an increased pay scale, staged a demonstration in front of state's food and civil supplies minister, Saryu Roy's residence in Bistupur on Sunday demanding regularization of their jobs in the first place and other facilities at par with regular government teachers.

Over 500 para-teachers from various parts of the East Singhbhum district agitated in front of the minister's house.

Under the banner of Para Shikshak Sangharsh Morcha, the teachers gathered in front of the Gopal Maidan on Sunday and took out a rally all the way to the minister's residence.

Para-teachers across the state under various banners have already demonstrated in front of state HRD minister Neera Yadav's residence in Koderma as well as the state minister of labor and employment Raj Paliwar's residence in Madhupur, Deoghar. The teachers submitted a memorandum to Roy who assured them of necessary steps to be taken by the state government.

“We have now decided to directly approach the Ministers. We have been demanding regularization of our jobs since many years now but nothing has been done by any state government.

Neighboring states like Bihar and Chhattisgarh have already passed this resolution to regularize para teachers but we are still waiting in Jharkhand,” said Sanjay Mishra, president, Para Shikshak Sangharsh Morcha, Kolhan. The agitating teachers said that till date they receive a salary scale between Rs 6800 and Rs 8400, which is not sufficient to run a family keeping in mind the rising inflation and market prices.

“The Chief Minister had promised that they would take step for regularization of para-teachers across the state within a month but no step has been taken so far. We will continue to campaign in favour of our demands,” alleged Sumit Tiwary.

“Para-teachers from Seraikela-Kharsawan and West Singhbhum have joined agitation. We submitted a memorandum addressed to state chief

secretary through East Singhbhum deputy commissioner Amitabh Kaushal raising our demands on the issue. A delegation of para-teachers will also be meeting chief secretary and state HRD minister and apprise them about our demands,” said a functionary.

The para-teachers who are already teaching in Class 1 – 5 at state schools after regularization of their job as primary teachers will get good salary and other government service benefits. There more than 800 primary teachers post vacant in the district.

The large number of absence of teachers is affecting studies in government schools across the district.