

# **STUDY ON WIDOWS AT VRINDAVAN**



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## FOREWORD



*"Vrindavan ... a place well known and revered as the birthplace of Lord Krishna. Also the dwelling of the widows, who to be helped need to pray and sing Bhajans , thus giving them the right to a free meal. Various studies on the issue have repeatedly highlighted the pitiable conditions of these women . In a study sponsored by National Commission for Women in 1996 titled "The Widows of Vrindavan" it was estimated that at the time there were more than 5000 widows and destitute women in the city of Vrindavan, living in "pitiable and pathetic conditions" and having been abandoned by their families had no "financial, social or emotional support"*

*I hope this report , based upon the Supreme Court directives to the Commission in the matter of , Environment & Consumer Protection Foundation Versus Union of India Writ Petition (Civil) No (s) 659 of 2007 , would enable the Central and the State governments to take appropriate action to ameliorate the conditions of widows in Vrindavan*

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## CHAPTER - 1

# STUDY ON WIDOWS AT VRINDAVAN - INTRODUCTION

In response to a Writ Petition (Civil) No (s) 659 of 2007, Environment & Consumer Protection Foundation Versus Union of India and others; the Supreme Court of India directed the National Commission for Women, New Delhi to "have a comprehensive survey of the problem and file a report to the court ..... containing the age group of the widows, their family background and all other information which are materially relevant for the purpose of this court....." (Dated 14.11.2008/ 6.12.2008).

The National Commission for Women by Order No. 8/4 (62)/C & 1/2008-NCW dated 23.12.2008, constituted a seven member Enquiry Committee in December 2008 to "Inquire into the plight of widows living in Vrindavan of Mathura District in Uttar Pradesh" the Committee constituted of the following

1. Dr (Ms) Girija Vyas, Chairperson , National Commission for Women
2. Dr (Mrs.) Mohini Giri, former Chairperson National Commission For Women
3. Dr Achal Bhagat, SARTHAK NGO
4. Ms Anupama Datta, Help Age India
5. Yogesh Mehta law officer
6. Sheeba Chowdhary

In January 2009, members of the Committee made a two day visit to the city of Vrindavan so as to be able to define the scope and methodology of the information collection process for the purpose of the report and thereafter the study was continuously taken up from time to time with visits to vrindavan in the month of January , February April and August 2009and the draft finalized in September 2009

### **1.1 Scope and Methodology**

The information collection process for the purpose of the report was undertaken and confined to the city of Vrindavan. The methodology includes Collection of primary data based on survey , secondary information provided by the district administration, interviews with women (random sampling), interviews with the shelter/home authorities, administrative officials and participatory group discussions with the women living in the ashrams/shelters.

The methodology of information collection was adapted to the needs of the study in due course to include case studies, interviews with bank officials and random checks for the purpose of corroboration of information.

## 1.2 Sites

Information collection was undertaken at:

- Mahila Ashray Sadan, Swadhar Yojna, Chaitnaya Vihar, Phase II
- Pagal Baba Ashram, Meera Sehbhagini Yojna, Bhutgali
- Mahila Ashray Sadan, Swadhar Yojna, Sitaram Sadan, Ramanuj Nagar
- AIWC Old Age Home, Taraash Mandir
- Krishna Kshem Ashram, Ramanreti,
- Ma Dhaam, Guild of Services
- Bhagwan Bhajan Ashrams at Patharpura and Fogla Ashram
- Balaji Bhajan Ashram, Ramanreti
- <sup>1</sup>Radha Kund
- <sup>2</sup>Barsana
- Keshi Ghat
- <sup>3</sup>Govardhan
- Gopinath Bazar
- Gaura Nagar
- Pani Ghat
- Ramanuj Nagar
- Nidhivan
- Radha Tila
- Rajiv Bhawan, Mathura
- Collectorate, Mathura

A detailed background on Widowhood: An Introduction and Widows in Vrindavan – A Literature Review is placed as **Annexure I and II**.

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<sup>1</sup> **Radhakund, Population- 5932 (2001):** Just 5 km north of Govardhan and 26 km west of Mathura, Radhakund is a large lake, where Shri Krishna is said to have killed Arista - the bull demon. To commemorate this event, every year on the 8th day of the dark half of the month of Kartik (Oct./Nov.), a large fair is held here.

<sup>2</sup> **Barsana, Population-9,960 (2001):** 50 km to the north-west of Mathura and 19 km north-west of Govardhan, is situated at the foot of a hill that is named after Brahma. Barsana was once the home of Radha-Rani, Krishna's beloved and consort. This is the venue of the annual fair held in the month of Bhadon (July-August). The birth anniversary of Radha-Rani is celebrated on the ninth day of the bright half of Bhadrapad (July-August) at the Mor-Kutir Temple which was built about 300 years ago. Barsana is also famous for its 'Latthmar' Holi-celebration of the festival of colour that is unique to this town.

<sup>3</sup> **Govardhan, Population-9,684 (2001):** is situated 26 km west of Mathura on the state highway to Deeg. A famous place of Hindu pilgrimage, It is located on a narrow sandstone hill known as Giriraj which is about 8 km in length. The young Lord Krishna is said to have held Giriraj up on the tip of a finger for 7 days and nights to shield the people of Braj from the deluge of rain sent down by Lord Indra. It is set along the edge of a large masonry tank known as the Mansi Ganga, which is believed to have been brought into existence through divine will.

## CHAPTER - 2

# ANALYSIS AND RESULTS OF THE COLLECTED INFORMATION

### 2.1 Vrindavan – Brief Introduction to the City

*Vanam Vrindavanam Naam Pashvayam Navkananam  
Gopgopigavam Sevyam Punyaditraunvirudham*

**Srimadbhagwat 10/11/28**

In ancient times, as mentioned in the *Srimadbhagwat* and in the writings of poet Kalidas, Vrindavan, located on the banks of river Yamuna, was a place of green woods and rolling meadows. It was home to Lord Krishna where he is said to have herded his cows, danced with the *gopies*, fought the evil Kansa and fallen in love with Radha.

The ancient name of the city, "Brindaban," had been named after its ancient groves of "Brinda," *Ocimum tenuiflorum*, or Tulsi, with *ban* meaning a grove or a forest. Two small groves still exist, <sup>4</sup>Nidhivan and <sup>5</sup>Seva Kunj. It lies in the <sup>6</sup>Braj region. It is about 15km away from Mathura city, the birthplace of Lord Krishna and in recent times the hub of Mathura district administration.

While in the past Vrindavan was considered the most beautiful of forests in the whole of India (Kalidas) in the last 250 years it has mushroomed into a concrete jungle filled with hundreds of temples, ashrams and apartments catering to an ever increasing flow of tourists and *mokhsh* seekers. The roads and by-lanes choke with modern day traffic and a milieu of people from different parts of India and the rest of the world. The <sup>7</sup>Radha Krishna legend continues to be the main source of livelihood for its people and most of the income generation activities in the city depend on the functioning of its over <sup>8</sup>5000 temples and ashrams. Vaishnavism is the main tradition followed in Vrindavan.

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<sup>4</sup> Nidhi means "the place where invaluable gems are found." This is a small grove of Tulsi. Radha and Krishna are said to have taken rest here, after dancing and other conjugal affairs. There is a small temple here known as the "sleeping temple," The samadhi of the guru of Tansen, is located on site. Renowned musicians of India take part in Swami Haridas Sammelan, an annual event in honor of Swami Haridas.

<sup>5</sup> The Seva Kunj marks the place where Lord Krishna once performed the Raasliila with Radha-Rani and the gopis.

<sup>6</sup> **Brajbhoomi** - the land where Lord Krishna was born and spent his youth, has today little towns and hamlets that are still alive with the Krishna- legend. The city of Mathura, in Uttar Pradesh, the nucleus of Brajbhoomi, is located at a distances of 145 km south- east of Delhi and 58 km north-west of Agra. Covering an area of about 3,800 sq. km. today, Brajbhoomi can be divided into two distinct units - the eastern part in the trans-Yamuna tract with places like Gokul, Mahavan, Baldeo, Mat and Bajna and the western side of the Yamuna covering the Mathura region that encompasses Vrindavan, Govardhan, Kusum Sarovar, Barsana and Nandgaon. The land of Braj starts from Kotban near Hodel about 95 km from Delhi and ends at Runakta which is known specially for its association with the great poet Surdas, an ardent Krishna devotee.

<sup>7</sup> The town included hundreds of temples dedicated to the worship of Radha and Krishna and is considered sacred by a number of religious traditions such as Gaudiya Vaishnavism, Vaishnavism and Hinduism in general.

<sup>8</sup> According to the locals and the administration a survey of the place in 2000-01 revealed that there were more than 5000 temples and ashrams in the city.

Situated on the bank of river Yamuna, Vrindavan is a heritage and tourist place in the state of Uttar Pradesh, India. It is located at a distance of 145 km. South of the National Capital Delhi and is accessible by road (National Highway No. 2). The nearest railway station is at Mathura located at a distance of 14 km. Built during the 16th and 17th century, there are more than 5,500 temples mainly devoted to life and deeds of lord Krishna and Radha Rani, his consort. In addition to temples, Vrindavan has *samadhis* (places where ashes of famous religious persons are kept), *ghats* (stepped bathing places along the river), *kunjas* (gardens), *kundas* (man-made water tanks) and institutions of religious and cultural education. There is a 10km. long circular pathway surrounding the town called *Parikrama Marg* where, on specific days such as *Ekadasi*, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the waxing and waning of moon, devotees, bare-footed in many cases, perform the ritual of walking and completing the *Parikrama*.

The area of the town is 4.56 sq. km. and as per 2001 Census of India, it has a population of 56,692. The daily inflow of pilgrims and tourists is about 10,000 and on the birthday of the lord Krishna, it reaches to its peak with one million visitors. It is said that in the year 2003, some 3.31 million devotees and 16,000 international tourists visited Vrindavan.

A technical assessment report, under the <sup>9</sup>*Eco-City Project of Gol, for the city of Vrindavan* draws a fair picture of the city in its modern avatar. According to this report:

- Most of the land in the town is owned by the temple trusts and is not generally available for other uses. The town is congested (density 15,000 persons per sq. km.) and people suffer from lack of light and ventilation in buildings.
- The water of Yamuna River is contaminated due to lack of flow in river as a result of storage of water up-stream in the states of Haryana and Delhi. Discharge of industrial effluent and untreated sewage adds to the river water pollution. River front is neglected as the river course has shifted away from the bathing *ghats* and the land between the *ghats* and river course is heavily polluted by solid waste scattered all over or stagnant and stinking pools of water.
- A large number of 300 to 400 year old temples, built with good quality red sand stone with rich architectural style, are dilapidated and require conservation.
- Roads are narrow (3m. to 9m.) with buildings on both sides. There are no footpaths.
- Traffic is mixed and carts driven by animals (camel, horse, or bullock), cycle rickshaw, cycles, automobiles and pedestrians compete for the same road space.

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<sup>9</sup> As a part of the Tenth Five Year Plan, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) initiated the Eco-city Project, in 2002, with grant-in-aid from the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF), Government of India. The German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), under its Indo German Programme on Advisory Services for Environmental Management (ASEM), extended the technical support to the project.

- Roads leading to temple entrances normally have commercial activities on either side that reduce their capacity and add further to the traffic congestion.
- Storm water drains are open and carry sewage, plastic bags and other solid wastes dumped carelessly by the people, which blocks them at places.

## 2.2 Women of Vrindavan – Their Story

216 women were met and interviewed. These women were met at the homes run by government authorities and NGOs, at their rented accommodations, at *bhajan ashrams* and in other public places such as *ghats* and temples. Their stories are presented in the form of statistical out put and case studies. Details of the interviews are given in **Annexure III/ IV**.

In addition to the direct interviews information was collected on all the women living in homes run by the government and NGOs. According to a letter by the DM of Mathura to NCW dated 17.12.09 there are 6 Ashray Sadan/short stay homes for women in Vrindavan. Two of these are run under the Gol Scheme called Swadhar Yojna; two under the Meera Sehbhagini Yojna of GoUP and two are run by AIWC and Guild of Services Respectively.

The destitute women of Vrindavan, on the whole, **are dependent on the state, the *bhajan ashrams* and the pilgrims** that come to the town of Vrindavan. The bhajan ashrams are the single most important entity in their lives and are the only places where an outsider can get a quick glimpse into their lives. For the study team the Bhagwan bhajan ashram at Patharpura and the Balaji bhajan ashram at Ramanreti were the focal point for meeting with women and following their lives. The state provides the women with shelter, pension, ration and at times health care in the form of camps, distribution of wheel chairs and glasses (for eyes). The pilgrims provide the women with cash (as alms), food, clothes, blankets, woollens and other items of need.



### **Bhajan Ashrams – A Life line**

A bhajan ashram is a place where the destitute women go for bhajans that form the core of their lives. In this place they meet each other, exchange stories, sing bhajans and get some cash for their needs. They also receive donations in these places given by the pilgrims seeking blessings of the all mighty. Bhajan ashrams are a world unto themselves and some claim that they are simply an encouragement for more women to flock to the city and for the management to convert their black money into white. The government authorities have no control over the operation of these bhajan ashrams. However the government authorities have opened ration shops in these ashrams as they are the key places for reaching this population. The women go to the bhajan ashrams in shifts of 6-10am, 10-3pm and 3-7pm. For each 4 hours shift they receive Rs3 at the Bhagwan bhajan ashram and Rs3 plus 100gm dal and rice at Balaji.

The **Bhagwan Bhajan Ashram has 7 branches at Vrindavan**, namely, Gopinath Bazar, Murarka Dharamshala Patharpura, Patharpura Naya Bhawan, Patharpura Narsingh Bhawan, Patharpura Chotibadi, Ath Khamba and Fogla Ashram. The **Balaji Bhajan Ashram has only one** branch at Ramanreti. This bhajan ashram is apparently run by the Action Shoe Company owners. The bhajan ashram has a **hierarchy** that appears as follows:

- **Supervisor** of Bhajan Ashram (keeps account of the number of women who come in each shift, resolves disputes and ensures that the women get their money, receives a monthly salary of Rs70)
- **Token Maanager** (gives Rs3 token to women when they come in and gets a slary of Rs10 per month)
- **Dholak Mai** (lady who plays the dholak and gets Rs15 per month)
- **Pravachan Mai** (lady who reads the holy book and gets Rs9)
- **Jhanj Mai** (plays the jhanj and gets Rs5 per month)
- **Bhajan Singers** (remaining women who receive Rs3 per shift)

## CHAPTER - 3

### PRIMARY DATA ANALYSIS

Interviews with 216 women were held based on a questionnaire guide and the outputs from these interviews are presented in Annexure II. From the analysis of information received it emerges that the destitute women who call Vrindavan 'home' largely belong to 5 categories, namely (i) **Widows** – Women whose spouses have died, (ii) **Married Women** – who have husbands that are unable to earn a living to support their family, (iii) **Deserted** – Women whose husbands have married a second time, (iv) **Divorced & Separated** – Women who have been legally separated from their spouses, (v) **Unmarried** – Single Women who have chosen devotion or and due to poverty were unable to marry. Amongst those interviewed 78% women were widows, 17% married (inclusive of deserted), 5% unmarried & single and only 2 cases where the separation was legal in nature.

**The case studies based on interviews are included at Annexure-III, IV and V.**

#### **Living Quarters – Rented Accommodation, Ashray Sadan and Ashrams**

Majority of the interviewed women i.e. 125 were found to be living in rented accommodations, followed by government institutions, temples and ashrams. The rents that women pay for accommodation range between Rs150 to Rs300. In the case where the rent is Rs100-150 the accommodation is shared between 2 to 4 women. In all the cases the rented premises do not have basic facilities like toilets, electricity and running water. Old women find it tough to take care of them selves especially when they are ill or immobile due to injury or falls. Majority of them did not have pensions and ration cards and survived on bhajan ashram earnings and alms.

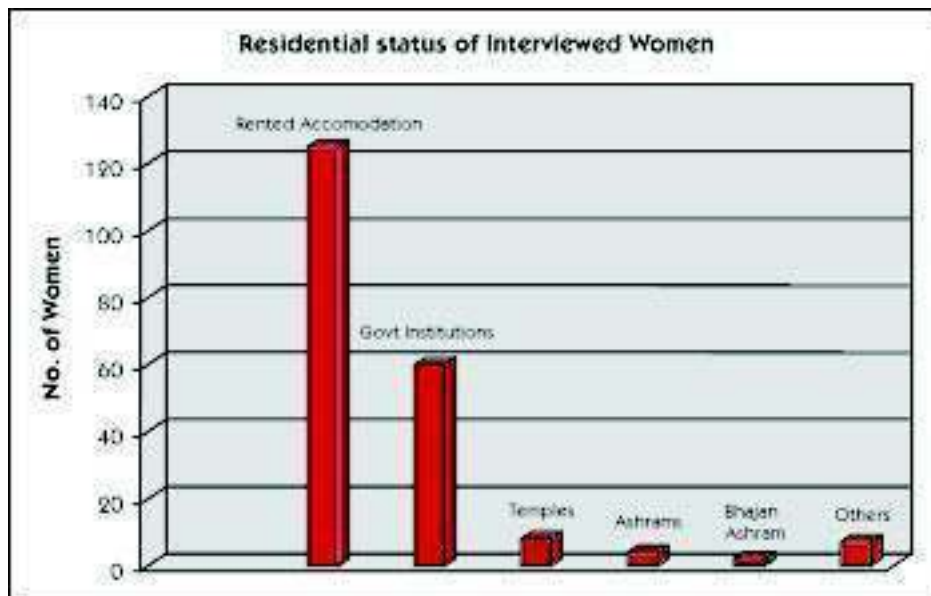
60 of the interviewed women were living in government run homes. Their main concern was about the authorities that ran these homes. Almost all had pensions and ration cards.

The women who live in temples and ashrams are the most deprived as they do so because of no other option or because they were brought to Vrindavan by the gurus who run the ashrams and they get shelter in return for doing chores such as cooking and cleaning.

#### **Kala Bari – Sample the Rental Premises**

Kala Bari is a large haveli like building in the old Vrindavan area called Gopinath Bazar. The possessors live in the well maintained quarters while the lessee i.e. poor and old women live in sections that are falling apart bit by bit. Each small room is like a hovel without electricity. Water source is a handpump and there are no toilets. Doors, windows and walls are crumbling and falling. The monthly rent for this is Rs105. 7-8 widows and 3 families live in these quarters. The 'owners' prefer to call this charity.

The others category includes women who live with their sons, daughters or daughter-in-laws and in one case the woman belongs to a nearby village and lives in her own home.



### Marital Status

78% of the women are widows. However about 50% of them have families (sons and daughters) in their places of origin. In cases where women have sons they have been left because they could not get along with the wives or because the sons did not take care of them or because the sons don't earn enough. In cases where they have only daughters they have no option but to live on their own as traditionally daughters go to in-laws house after marriage.

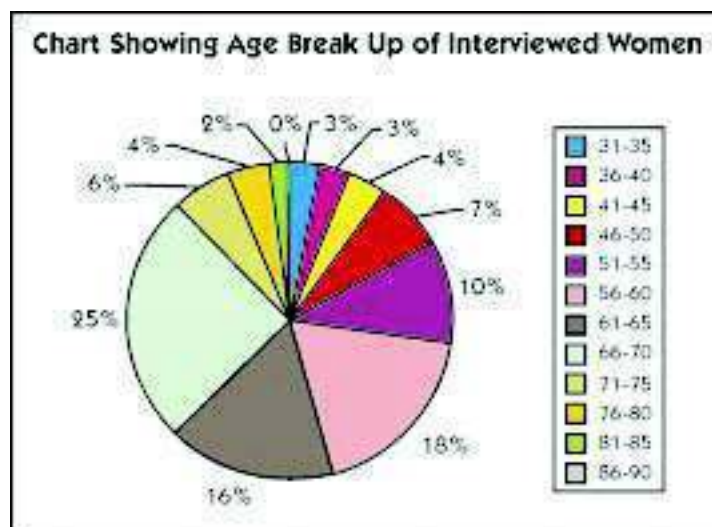
17% are married. The married women in most cases live with husbands in Vrindavan but in almost all the cases the husband is either ill or disabled and unable to earn a living. In some cases the husbands have got married again and so the wife decided to come to Vrindavan.

5% of the women are unmarried and in many ways the most marginalized as even the government does not have any scheme for their support.



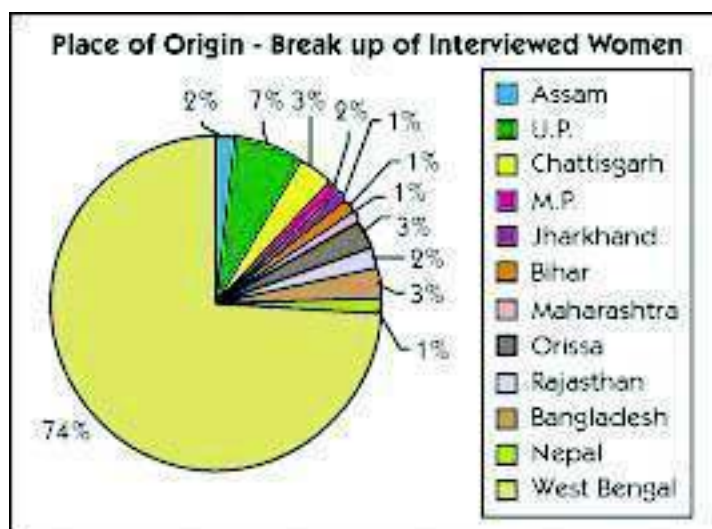
## Age Profile

Majority of the interviewed women i.e. 25% belong to the 66-70yrs age group. 16% belong to the 61- 65yrs age group while 18% belong to the 56-60yrs age group. On the whole 59% of the women belong to the senior citizen age group.



## Place of Origin

Majority of the women i.e. 74% belong to the state of West Bengal followed at 3% by the states of Uttar Pradesh and Chattisgarh. Legend has it that the reason why maximum women from West Bengal come to Vrindavan is because Chaitnaya Mahaprabhu from Naudia district had come here and established many homes and places of worship. However it would be fair to say that the status of widowed women in Bengal is amongst the worst in the country and in modern times poverty is another reason for the arrival of more and more women from West Bengal.



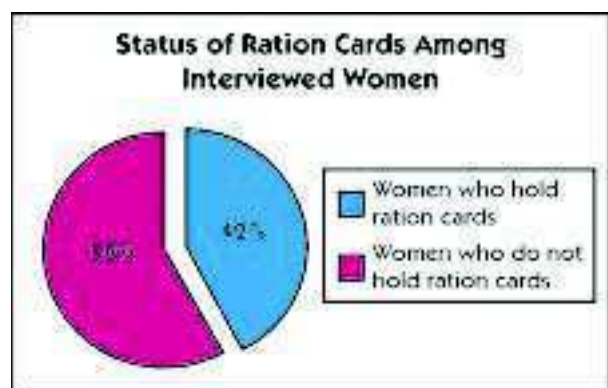
## Education and Skills

89% of the women are illiterate. However most of the women worked at one point or another as house maids, agricultural labourer and care taker of children. These skills do not help them in earning a living at Vrindavan and their literacy levels makes training in modern skills difficult as proven by various attempts by the government and NGOs in the area. Cynics claim that the women of Vrindavan don't want to work because money is easily available and most of their needs are taken care of but the fact remains that combined factors of illiteracy, old age and language limitation makes it difficult for the women to find many work options. Institutions such as ISKON have attempted at engaging women in tasks such as *agarbatti* and candle making but have received poor results. Even institutions such as Guild for Services attempted with sewing and tailoring and crafts but as of now are not running these vocational training programs. The women themselves have a point when they claim, "in the absence of raw materials and marketing it is not possible for us to engage in self employed activities.



## Pensions and Ration Cards

68% of the interviewed women do not receive pensions while 58% do not hold ration cards. According to the officials in charge of these services many women remain beyond their reach because of a lack of comprehensive door-to-door survey identifying these women. They claim that camps are organised and women are also contacted at the bhajan ashrams, even so many remain unreached. The women on the other hand claim that proof of residence is needed for accessing these services and since they are unable to produce this document they are unable to access the services. Allegations of corruption were also frequent.



**Health Services**

RK Mission Hospital is the most preferred health service provider and is known as Kali Bari Hospital among the women. One major reason for this is that it has Bengali-speaking personnel thus making it easier for the women. Other than this the women at times go to the private practitioners where they spend a lot of money. There are no emergency services and in case the women are bedridden they have to rely on their own resources for care taking. In cases where the women live in groups the hardship is easier to bear but in cases where they live alone ill health is a heavy burden to bear.

**Time Spent in Vrindavan**

30% of the interviewed women have come to Vrindavan in the last 5 years while 21% have been here for 10yrs or less. 20% women have been here for 11-15yrs. The women who have lived in Vrindavan for 25yrs or more have a perspective that when they had come to Vrindavan it was mainly for devotion to Radha Rani but they feel "off late the women come here because they can earn money and support their children back home". The authorities that run the homes support this view. At the same time the fact that 30% women have come to the city in the last 5yrs implies that the inflow of women is steady and while reasons have changed from religious to socio-economic the city is likely to continue receiving such women.



On the whole it can be said that the findings based on the primary information analysis are similar to the findings of earlier research studies undertaken by various individuals and organisations.

## CHAPTER - 4

### SECONDARY DATA ANALYSIS

According a letter (No. 30 dated 17.12.08) by the District Magistrate of Mathura, there are 6 Ashray Sadan/Short Stay Homes in Vrindavan. Of these 2 are run under the Meera Sehbhagini Scheme of GoU.P, 2 under the Swadhar Scheme of Gol and 2 by the NGOs, namely, Guild of Services and All India Womens Conference respectively.

The team visited all the six institutions in Jan 09 and interviews were held with the residents and authorities. Results of the visits and meetings are presented in Table 4.

**Table-4**  
**Homes for the Women in Vrindavan : Issues in Brief**

| Infrastructure   | Staff & Facilities  | Residents   | Comments   |
|--|---|---|--|
| <b>Mahila Ashray Sadan, Swadhar Yojna, Chaitanya Vihar, Phase II (Since 2006)</b>  |   |   |  |
| <p><b>Building 1</b><br/>27 rooms of which 20 rooms house 2-3 women and 5 halls that house 8 women each<br/>1 room is used as ration depot</p> <p><b>Building 2</b><br/>30 rooms of which 1 is used as office, 1 as residence of the supervisor and 1 as dispensary.<br/>All the rooms have attached bathrooms and toilets but there is often lack of running water.</p> | <p><b>The dispensary</b> is open all 7 days of the week and is serviced by:<br/>1 Doctor provided by HelpAge India for 1 day in a month<br/>2 Doctors from the Government Hospital 2 days a week<br/>1 Private Doctor who comes 2 days a week and is also available for emergencies.</p> <p><b>Pension &amp; Ration</b> All the women living in the home are eligible for <b>pension (Rs 300 per month received in 2 six monthly installments of Rs1800) and ration (8kg rice, 6kg wheat, 3 liter Kerosene, 700gm sugar)</b> from the Govt of Uttar Pradesh.</p> <p><b>Swadhar Benefits:</b> Rs500 for Medicines and Food per woman per month, Rs50 per month pocket money, Bedding</p> | <p>At any point in time there are between 200-215 women in the home.</p> <p>All women do there own cooking on either kerosene stoves or single burner gas stoves.</p> <p>Most of the resident women go to their home towns once a year on 'leave'.</p> <p>All the residents, other than those who are too old, ill or disabled, go to the bhajan ashram at Balaji for the early morning 6-10 a.m. and late afternoon 3-7 p.m. shifts.</p> | <p>Under the Swadhar Scheme there is <b><u>no budget for sweepers, electricity and water bill and for maintenance of building and other assets. The submersible motor/pump was not working during the winter time when this study was undertaken.</u></b></p> <p>The pension accounts are at the <b>Syndicate Bank</b> that has over 2000 such accounts. As a result <b><u>there are delays</u></b> in passbook updates and timely retrieval of money.</p> <p>The Superintendent of the house and the Probation Officer agree that <b><u>funds for food and pocket allowance have not been received in the last 1 year</u></b> due to delays at the head office. The DM and CDO are responsible for running this scheme but they are</p> |

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|   | <p><b>Staff</b></p> <p>1 Supervisor (lady) on contract basis</p> <p>1 Councillor (lady) on contract Basis</p> <p>1 Accountant on contract basis</p> <p>Guards – 4 from the Yuva Kalyan Vibhag</p> <p>2 women chowkidars</p>   | <p>The residents complain of lack of running water in the bathrooms due to frequent breakdown of the submersible pump and motor.</p> <p>The women also claim that they have not received the Rs. 500 allowance of food and Rs50 allowance of pocket money for over a year.</p> <p>The women claim that Rs100 is collected and at times deducted from their allowance.</p> <p>Women claim that the authorities keep their pension account passbooks and that they withdraw money.</p> | <p>so over loaded that there isn't enough time for welfare activities (these are not the priority).</p> <p>There are <b>no norms for the staff appointment</b> therefore people with inadequate training and qualification are appointed by the Municipality.</p> <p>The supervisor agrees that <b>Rs100 is deducted and collected from the allowance due to the women because there are no funds for maintenance</b> and this money is used for that purpose.</p> |
| <p><b>Pagal Baba Ashram, Meera Sehbhagini Yojna, Bhoot Gali, Patharpura (Since 1999)</b></p> <p><b>The building in which the home is housed is over 100 years old and belongs to the Pagal Baba Trust. Most of the residents in the building are over the age of 60yrs and the living conditions are not suitable for this age group. There are major allegations of ill treatment and money skimming form pension accounts by the women. The staff is largely untrained and does not possess desired qualifications.</b></p> |   |  |  |
| <p><b>Building 1 – Leela Kunj Sadan</b></p> <p>152 women live in this building. Some live 2 to a room, some 4 to a room and some 8-10 in a hall.</p>  | <p><b>Dispensary Services</b> are available to the women on all days of the week. Doctors who provide service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dr Govind Gupta (Pvt) everyday 1-3 p.m.</li> <li>● Anurag Gupta or Manoj Gupta (govt hospital) on Tuesdays</li> </ul> | <p>At the time of the visit in March 2008 there were 302 women on the rolls at the home.</p> <p>The residents cook their own food largely on kerosene</p>  | <p>The Pagal Baba Ashram premises are <b>not found to be suitable</b> for old persons living there as the toiled facilities are poor and the Ras Bihari building rooms are located on the first floor reachable by a dingy stair case. Women are dependent on filling</p>  |



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| <p><b>Building 2 – Ras Bihari Sadan</b></p> <p>150 women live in this building. Some 2 to a room, some 4-5 to a room and some 8-15 to a room.</p> <p>Both buildings have group toilets and bathing space that are a serious health hazard and are found to be in filthy condition with clogged drains and potholes in the floors.</p> | <p>and Thursdays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lady doctor stopped coming because she is not provided a vehicle to come.</li> </ul> <p>Under the <b>Meera Sebhagini Scheme</b> the women get – shelter, electricity, water, mattress, quilt, bed, pillow and sheets. <b>There is no provision for food or food allowance.</b></p> <p>There is a <b>ration depot under the PDS scheme</b> for Antodaya Card Holders and the women who live here buy their ration from this shop.</p> <p><b>Staff</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 6 Guards on rotation for three buildings provided by the Prantiye Vikas Dal on wages as low as Rs75 per day for 8hrs shift.</li> <li>● 2 Wardens and 1 Assistant Warden</li> <li>● 4 Sweepers</li> </ul> | <p>stoves.</p> <p>Since there is no food allowance for the women the ration is purchased by the women from their earnings from the bhajan ashrams.</p> <p>Most of the residents go for 2 shifts at the Bhagwan Bhajan Ashram at Patharpura. Every woman who does 2 shifts of singing a day earns Rs6.</p> <p>Most of the residents are very old and need health care and caretaker services.</p> <p>The residents largely complained that the wardens ill-treated them and skimmed money from their pension money. Also that they did not receive their pension passbooks and were unaware of the money received in their accounts.</p> | <p>water form the hand pumps for bathing and washing.</p> <p><b>The allegation by the women regarding their pension passbooks was found to be true.</b></p> <p>Most of the women did not have their passbooks and there was no system of pension accounts maintenance at the ashram.</p> <p>The wardens feel that the <b>women should get food allowance and clothes.</b> In addition they should get basic necessities such as soaps, oil, buckets and mugs.</p> <p>Since most residents are very old there is a <b>need for an ambulance and services of nurse and care takers.</b></p> <p>There is a need for a clerk for administration work.</p> <p><b>The salaries of the warden and assistant wardens are very low</b> at Rs2500 and Rs2000 per month respectively. The wardens and assistant warden are on duty 24hrs a day and 7 days a week.</p> |
| <p align="center"><b>AIWC Short Stay Home for Women, Taraash Mandir Campus (since 1988)</b><br/> <b>AIWC Senior Citizen Home for Women, Taraash Mandir Campus, (since 1990)</b><br/> <b>AIWC Old Age Home for Women above the age of 60yrs (since 1990)</b></p>   |  |   |  |

**All three homes are run by the All India Womens Council (AIWC) with its Head Office at New Delhi. The entire premise is owned by one Mr Sharma who is likely an illegal occupier of a premise that is the property of Maharaja of Taraash. The story is that the daughter of the king fell in love with Lord Krishna and came away to Vrindavan. The king built an estate with a temple called Jamai Mandir where she lived and devoted her life to the service of Lord Krishna. The entire premise is about 150 acres and is being sold off in pieces to builders and alleged land mafia of Vrindavan.**

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| <p><b>Short Stay Home</b></p> <p>Is housed in an old rented building that also houses the old age home. The rooms allotted for the short stay residents are 3 and are used for sleeping and vocational training and all other activities such as entertainment (TV).</p> | <p><b>Services</b></p> <p>Women and young girls along with children can stay up to 3yrs.</p> <p>Are given vocational training in tailoring and sewing, knitting and crochet.</p> <p>Food is cooked by teams of the residents in rotation</p> <p><b>Staff</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1 Superintendent</li> <li>● 1 Councilor</li> <li>● 1 Rehabilitation Officer</li> <li>● 1 Accountant</li> <li>● 1 peon</li> <li>● 1 Chowkidar</li> <li>● Part time Doctor</li> </ul> | <p>At the time of the visit there were 21 women in the home. Most had been there more than three years.</p> <p>The children of these residents went to a school run by ISKON. Since the vocational training courses did not provide certificates, jobs and work was limited.</p> | <p>The short stay home fulfills the need for a service since many women and young girls run away from home and find their way to Vrindavan. Many are benefited through mediation and counselling. However the residents who are unable to return home end up as life long residents of the place with opportunities of work only in the old age home run by the organization.</p> <p>The Department of Women and Child Welfare provide funds. It is regular but salaries are considered inadequate.</p> <p>The authorities feel that the <b>training opportunities need to be updated</b> and increased and if they are to become viable then <b>marketing must be included</b>. The courses offered should be <b>certified</b> so that they are valid for jobs elsewhere.</p> |
| <p><b>Old Age Home</b></p> <p>1 large hall with common toilets and bathing space without any running water. The toilets are Indian style and water has to be carried from a hand pump in the courtyard of the building.</p>  | <p><b>Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Shelter</li> <li>● Health Care</li> <li>● Food</li> </ul> <p>Rs. 465 per month per resident is received for these services. This is found to be highly inadequate.</p> <p><b>Staff</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Home Nurse</li> <li>1 Helper</li> <li>1 Chowkidar</li> <li>1 Attendant</li> <li>1 Sweeper</li> </ul>  | <p>At the time of the visit there were 23 residents in the home. Most of them were bedridden and suffering from illnesses related to old age and probably to their living conditions.</p>  | <p>The residents were really old and seemed to be in difficulty due to the living arrangements and the fact that they had to carry their water for bathing and toilet from a hand pump at a distance.</p> <p>The authorities claim that <b>Rs465 is rather inadequate</b> since the health needs of the residents are acute. In addition to this it is rather <b>difficult to get attendants and</b></p>   |

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| <p><b>Senior Citizen Home</b><br/>Out house of an estate (small rooms with poor ventilation).<br/>Makeshift toilets and bathing space.</p> | <p><b>Services</b><br/>Food, shelter and health care</p> <p><b>Staff</b><br/>1 Home Nurse<br/>1 Cook<br/>1 Helper<br/>1 Attendant<br/>1 Sweeper<br/>1 Chowkidar</p> | <p>At the time of the visit there were 18 residents in the home and almost all were very old and bedridden.</p> | <p><b>health care professionals</b> at the salaries that are offered.</p> <p>It is obvious that very little attempt is made to update the services in keeping with the advances in technology and professional changes in the field of health care and old age care. There is little attempt to use training and knowledge for the up gradation of staff skills and the homes are run with limited sign of professionalism.</p> <p>The AIWC funds this venture from its donor resources and though HelpAge India was the initial partner in the project the partnership lasted only for 1 year (1 year grant in 1994).</p> <p>The home is definitely not geared for the care of the very old and infirm. It has neither the infrastructure nor the know-how required for care of the infirm.</p> |
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From the information presented in Table 4 it is clear that there are issues regarding the functioning and management of institutions. These may be summarized as:

- **Lack of adequate physical infrastructure mainly running water in bathrooms and toilets and unhygienic condition of the toilets.**
- **Lack of trained staff specifically for the job entrusted to them especially in providing care and support to the old and infirm.**
- **Lack of adequate staff and adequate funds for maintenance of facilities.**
- **Low salaries and delays in receiving of funds.**
- **Over crowding in the rooms and dormitories leading to unhealthy and unhygienic living conditions. Women living the government run homes undertake cooking in their rooms leading to fumes that may be detrimental to the health of the women.**
- **Lack of vocational training and work opportunities for those who wish to acquire skills and work.**

- **Lack of adequate means of leisure activities. Television appeared as the only means of entertainment in most homes.**

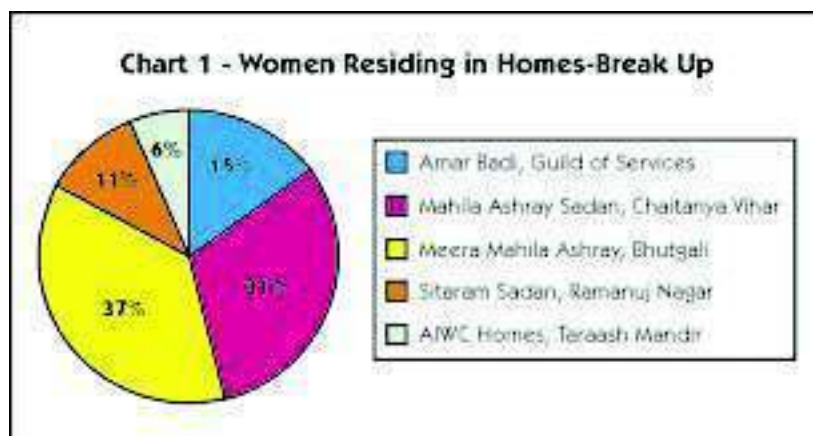
Information was gathered on all the residents living in the 6 homes and the brief results are presented in Table 5.

**Table-5**  
**Information on the Residents in the 6 Homes**

| <b>Institution</b><br><b>Criteria</b> | <b>Amar Badi<br/>Ma Dham</b>                    | <b>Mahila Ashray<br/>Sadan, Chaitanaya<br/>Vihar Phase II</b> | <b>Meera Mahila<br/>Ashray, Bhutgali</b>           | <b>Sitaram Sadan,<br/>Ramanuj Nagar</b> | <b>All India Womens<br/>Conference,<br/>Taraash Mandir</b> |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|
| <b>Total Women</b>                    | 116   | 250   | 302  | 84                                      | 48   |
| Widows                                | 64  | 238   | 277  | 84                                      | 39   |
| Married                               | 50  | 10  | 24   |   | 7  |
| Unmarried                             | 2   | 2   |  |   | 2  |
| Divorced                              |   |   | 1  |   |  |
| <b>Age Group</b>                      |   |   |  |   |  |
| 20-30 yrs                             | 5   | 1   |  |   | 3  |
| 31-40 yrs                             | 3   | 5   | 7  |   | 3  |
| 41-50 yrs                             | 8   | 26  | 36   |   |  |
| 51-60 yrs                             | 13  | 86  | 47   | 41                                      |  |
| 61-70 yrs                             | 28  | 84  | 143  | 33                                      | 4  |
| 71-80 yrs                             | 32  | 23  | 41   | 10                                      | 18   |
| 81-90 yrs                             | 19  | 2   | 7  |   | 14   |
| 91-100 yrs                            | 4   |   | 2  |   | 6  |
| <b>Education</b>                      |   |   |  |   |  |
| Illiterate                            | 79  | 222   | 257  | 46                                      | 44   |
| Class I-V                             | 14  | 13  | 16   | 38                                      | 1  |
| Class VI-X                            | 12  |   | 16   |   | 1  |
| Class XI-XII                          | 2   |   | 3  |   | 2  |
| B.A.                                  | 2   |   | 1  |   |  |
| B.A. B.Ed                             | 1   |   |  |   |  |
| B.Sc                                  | 1   |   |  |   |  |
| M.A.                                  | 1   | 1   |  |   |  |
| <b>Place of Origin</b>                |   |   |  |   |  |
| West Bengal                           | 50  | 114   | 210  | 61                                      | 30   |
| Others                                | Orissa, M.P., U.P.,<br>U.P., Gujarat,<br>Punjab | Orissa, M.P., U.P.,<br>Assam, Punjab,<br>Haryana, Chattisgarh | Kuch Bihar, Orissa,<br>Bihar, Assam,<br>U.P., M.P. | Orissa, Tripura                         | Assam, Chattisgarh,<br>U.P., Tripura                       |

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|----------------------------------|----|-----|-----|----|----|
| <b><u>Pensions</u></b>           |    |     |     |    |    |
| Old Age                          | 78 | 98  | 194 | 21 | 13 |
| Widow                            | 7  | 134 | 84  | 63 |    |
| None                             | 31 | 2   | 24  |    |    |
| <b><u>Ration Card</u></b>        |    |     |     |    |    |
| Antodaya                         | 95 | 250 | 291 | 84 | 41 |
| None                             | 21 |     | 11  |    |    |
| <b><u>Years in Vrindavan</u></b> |    |     |     |    |    |
| 1-5                              | 59 | 159 | 93  | 13 | 17 |
| 6-10                             | 5  | 39  | 100 | 46 | 4  |
| 11-15                            | 3  | 17  | 53  | 20 | 3  |
| 16-20                            | 4  | 29  | 7   | 2  | 1  |
| 21-25                            | 4  | 3   | 3   |    | 6  |
| 26-30                            | 4  | 1   | 5   |    | 1  |
| 31-35                            | 3  | 2   | 2   |    | 1  |
| 36-40                            | 3  | 1   | 3   |    | 5  |
| 40 plus                          | 9  | 1   | 1   |    | 8  |

The information presented in Table 5 reveals that on the whole 800 women are currently residing in the 6 homes run by the government and NGOs. As is visible from chart 1 majority of the women live in homes that are run under the Meera Sehbhagini and Swadhar schemes of the government. The reasons for this vary for example there are vacancies in Maa Dham, Guild of services because women do not prefer living in an area that is away from the city and the home run by AIWC lacks adequate infrastructure. The homes that are run under government schemes are located in areas that are close



to *bhajan ashrams* and temples, places where the women like to go for earning their pocket money and keeping up with friends and the world in general. Even though the home run by Guild of Services is well maintained and doesn't require the women to cook for self, the women do not like to live there because as they say "its too far and one has to wait a long time for transport that costs more than we can afford". The Needs Assessment undertaken by HelpAge India in which shelter and mobility have emerged as the two most important priorities for the women also corroborates this view.

Chart 2 shows that just as in the case of women living in rented accommodations, majority of women living in the homes are widows though the percentage of married women is considerable higher in the 'rented' category. This may also be a reflection of the changing times as more and more women who come to Vrindavan come because of being abandoned by their children and due to poverty.



Women interviewed by the team often stated "we were so poor and had no assets so coming to Vrindavan meant surety of two meals a day"

Chart 3 shows 39% of the women living in homes belong to the 61-70yrs category followed by 25% in the 51-60yrs and 16% in the 71-80yrs categories respectively. This implies that on the whole majority of the women fall in the category of 50yrs and beyond. This fact has implications for health care, physical layout of buildings and management of services. Also important is the fact that not only are the women 'widows' but are also 'senior citizens' thus making it the dual responsibility of society at large to provide for the best possible services for their support and care.

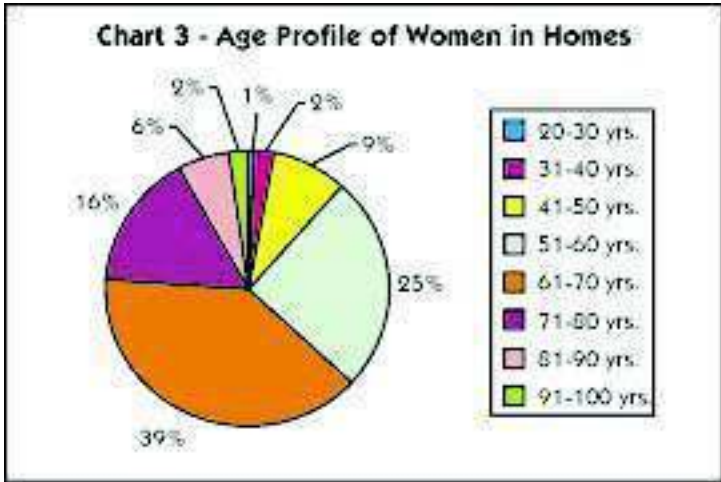


Chart 4 shows that of the women residing in homes 81% are illiterate. In the case of primary data analysis 89% of the interviewed women were found to be illiterate. Corroborated by previous studies in Vrindavan it can be said that combined factors of a high illiteracy rate and old age are major hindrances in the planning and execution of skills and income generation programmes among the women. A large number of women did say that given their age and physical condition an expectation of learning new skills and "working" were not a possibility. It is interesting to note that none of the women considers spending 7-8hrs of *bhajan* singing in ashrams and begging at the temples as "work" even though it requires them to sit for long hours and walk long distances in the early mornings and late afternoons to reach the *bhajan ashrams* and temples. Their rigorous routine includes cooking for self, maintaining their own living spaces and fetching water for cooking, bathing and washing. Given this scenario it is simplistic to think that the women are lazy or unwilling

to 'work' as seems to be the common line of thinking among the personnel running the homes and schemes for the women.

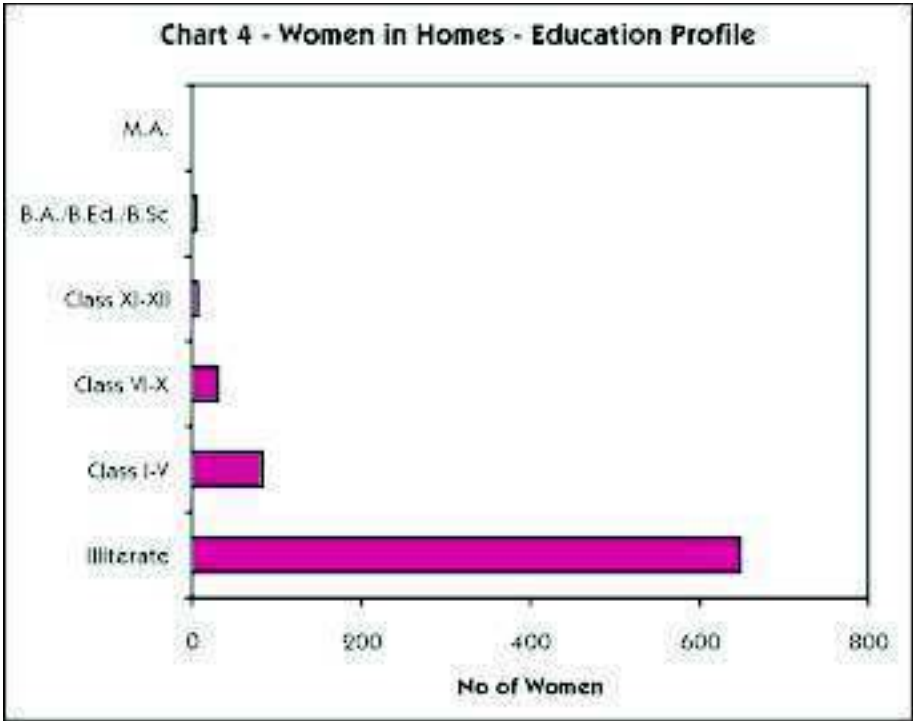


Chart 5 shows that 46% of the women living in the homes have arrived in Vrindavan only 1-5yrs ago. 26% of the women have been in Vrindavan for the last 6-10yrs. Even in the case of the interviewed women 31% of the women had been in Vrindavan less than 5yrs followed by 21% in the 6-10yrs category. From this information it appears that the women continue to arrive in Vrindavan and are now very likely doing so because of being abandoned by their children in old age. It is fact that most of the women do have children back home whom they visit and send their savings to.

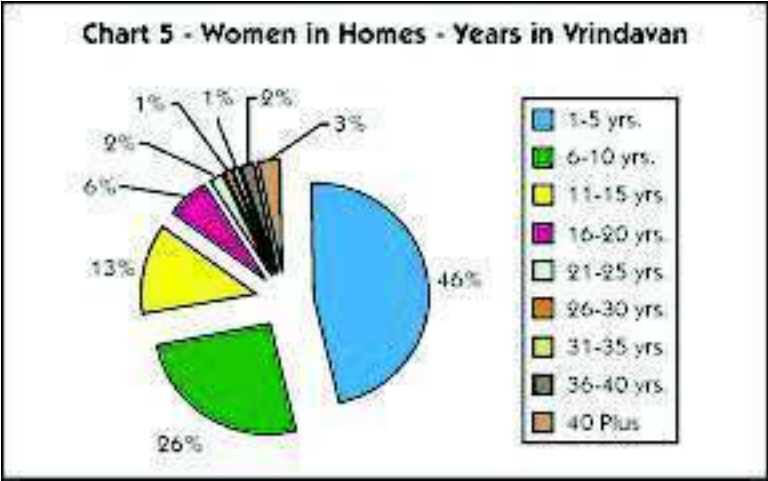
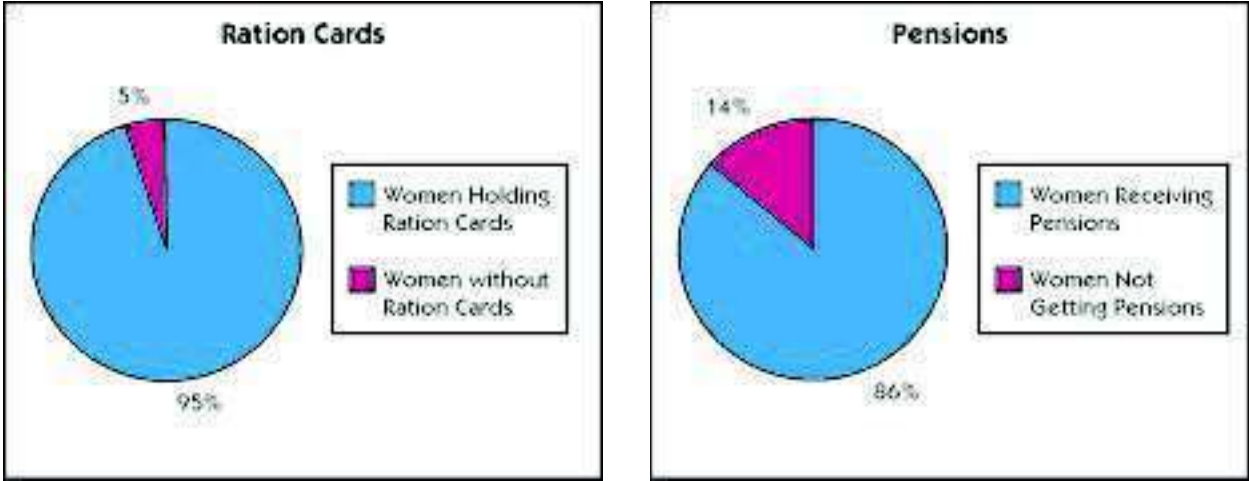


Chart 6 shows that 5% of the women living in homes do not hold ration cards. The authorities claim that this is only in the case of recent arrivals but as found in the home visits this is more likely

a case of negligence and delays on behalf of the personnel running the homes. 14% of the women living in the homes do not receive pensions. Again the authorities claim that this is only in cases where the arrivals are recent. However this claim is doubtful as borne by the case of Meera Sehbhagini Ashram in Bhutgali.

**Chart 6 - Women in Homes- Status of Ration Cards & Pensions**





## CHAPTER - 5

### PENSIONS AND RATION SCHEME - AN OVERVIEW

The widows and destitute women who flock to the *bhajan ashrams* and temples of Vrindavan were in an earlier time taken care of by the philanthropists and Gurus who ran the temples and ashrams but in modern times the government administrative machinery is also pitching in. Pressurised by various laws of the land and international agreements the state and district authorities have taken on the burden of multiple schemes aimed at this population namely homes, food at subsidized rates under the antodaya program, old age and widow pensions and at times health care in the form of camps, distribution of wheel chairs, crutches and walking sticks. The Department of Women and Child Welfare, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, the Department of Food and Supply, the Municipal Corporation of Vrindavan, the Mathura and Vrindavan Development Authority and the District Magistrate all have a role to play in the management and care of this marginalized population.

The banks also have a role in that they are responsible for the disbursement of old age and widow pensions. The banks where most of the accounts lodge are the Syndicate Bank, Union Bank of India, State Bank of India, Zilla Sehkari Bank, Punjab National Bank, Bank of Baroda, Allahabad Bank, Canara Bank, Indian Overseas Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce, State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur and Central Bank. Table 6 provides details of the bank accounts provided as per the record of the office of the DM, Mathura. The Department of Food supply is responsible for the ration scheme that benefits the women of Vrindavan. It is operationalised through 17 outlets located at homes, bhajan ashrams and in areas frequented by the women. The application procedure for the ration card requires proof of residence (often an undertaking by the land lord or the home authority as the case maybe) and age verification (from a medical practitioner). Often both are a problem for the women, who are not in homes, to acquire and at best they seek the services of the touts that offer them the possibility of a ration card for Rs500.

The ration cardholders receive 14k.g. of ration each month. While in the other parts of Mathura district the monthly quota for ration cardholders is 35 k.g. for the women it is 14kg. The authorities claim that this has been fixed as the women are usually without family and the amount is sufficient for them. The women stated that 3 liters of kerosene and 800grams of sugar are rather insufficient and at least the kerosene limit should be raised to 5 liters. The authorities also feel that the kerosene limit should be raised to 5 liters per month.

Of the women living in homes/institutions 5% did not have ration cards while among the interviewed women, not living in homes/institutions, 58% did not have ration cards. The reasons given by the home authorities range from "new entry" to "application has been made". The interviewed women on the other hand said, "we need proof of residence and that is almost impossible to obtain". The Food & Supply officials claim that attempts are made to reach the

women at bhajan ashrams and at times camps are held but still all the women have not been reached. They recommend a door-to-door survey for the purpose of identification of women and thereafter a single window system where in the new arrivals are registered and those leaving can submit their ration cards.

If one looks at the primary data it emerges that the Pension and Ration Scheme is reaching the women who reside in homes and shelters run by the government and NGOs but where the women are living in rented and open spaces these schemes are unable to reach them efficiently. **Of the 183 interviewed women living in rented accommodation/ temples and ashrams only 22 were receiving pensions and 40 had ration cards.** The secondary data analysis shows that while the women in homes are getting the pension and ration there are other issues such as corruption amongst the home/institution authorities, irregular updating of passbooks, incorrect listing of names and corresponding account numbers by the Welfare Department, related to efficient delivery of services. Anomalies were found at Meera Sehbhagini Pagal Baba Ashram and AIWC, Taraash Mandir. In both places many of the residents did not have pensions or ration cards. At the AIWC run home at Taraash Mandir off the 48 women living there only 13 were receiving pensions.

**Bhajan Kutti Ashram**

**The Sun Doesn't Shine No More**

Bhajan Kuti Ashram is located at a distance of mere 2km from the Ram Krishna Mission Hospital. It is place of small huts and old age women who live as a community of support for each other. 37 women in the age group of 70-90 live in this ashram. Very few are able to go for *bhajans* to the *bhajan ashrams* and as such they live on the alms that may or may not come their way. Most of these women have been in Vrindavan for over 30yrs and yet at the time of our visit most did not have ration cards or pensions. Most don't even speak Hindi because they have come from Nepal and over the years their contact with their families in Nepal has all but ceased. Majority came as child widows in the search of Radha Rani and she remains their main solace in times of deep distress such as illness and immobility due to fractures and falls in old age. Vasudev Dasi aptly summed up their situation when she said "I just want Radha Rani to release me from this world, just release me".

Of the 33 women who live here only 8 have pensions and even these have no ration cards.

**Table-6**  
**Widow and Old Age Pensions – Bank wise breakup of Accounts**

| Name of Bank         | No of Old Age Pension Accounts | No of Widow Pension Accounts |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Bank of Baroda (BoB) | 294                            | 37                           |
| Syndicate Bank (SB)  | 524                            | 392                          |

|                                       |             |            |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Union Bank of India (UBI)             | 565         | 35         |
| Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)            | 149         | 22         |
| Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC)       | 144         | 12         |
| Punjab National Bank (PNB)            | 181         | 25         |
| State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur (SBBJ) | 49          | 16         |
| State Bank of India (SBI)             | 240         | 64         |
| Canara Bank                           | 53          | 21         |
| Central Bank                          | 65          | 11         |
| Zilla Sehkari Bank (ZSB)              | 441         | 248        |
| Allahabad Bank                        | 55          | 5          |
| LSS, Mathura                          | 1           |            |
| Bank of India                         |             | 1          |
| PSB                                   |             | 2          |
| P.O.                                  |             | 1          |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>2818</b> | <b>892</b> |

*Source: Records provided by the Department of Social Welfare, Rajiv Bhawan, Mathura*

### **Pensions – A Reality Check**

The destitute women of Vrindavan consider Old Age and Widow Pensions a very important source of sustenance, whether they live in institutions or in rented accommodations. The authorities state that 2818 Old Age Pensions and 892 Widow Pensions are on record for the destitute women of Vrindavan. Details of the record are presented in Table 6. In addition to the pensions provision of food supply by the Department Food and Supply. According to the survey by Nagarpallika Parishad of Vrindavan in 2005 the number of destitute women in Vrindavan was 3105. The total number of pensions in 2008-09 is 3710. The total number of women residing in institutions whose data has been made available is 752.

The study undertaken by the NCW reveals that there are issues related to the implementation of the pension scheme by the government authorities. While the number of pensions and the total number of eligible women are debatable it is fact that most of the destitute women in Vrindavan are illiterate and the procedure for application of pensions is beyond their understanding. Thus it is likely that there is ample scope for malpractice as claimed by the women. The NCW study can by no means claim to have covered the entire universe of destitute women in Vrindavan but from those interviewed in institutions and randomly at various sites such as bhajan ashrams the pension scheme, it is correct to say does not cover all those eligible for it.

The **Pagal Baba Ashram in Bhutgali** where 302 women, largely in the age group of 50-90yrs, live presented an interesting scenario regarding the pension scheme. In January 09 when the team made its first visit to the ashram the women spoke in hushed tones of ill treatment and mismanagement of pensions by the home authorities. The home authorities (warden and assistant wardens) informed the team that they did not have a system of keeping pension records and that the list of due pensions was sent by the department to the banks. The passbooks they claimed "are with the women". When the residents were asked to show their passbooks none of them had their passbooks and claimed, "they are with the madams".

On 25.02.09 the Chief Development Officer (CDO) was informed of this issue and he gave immediate orders for distribution of passbooks to the women. Following this the passbooks were distributed at Pagal Baba Ashram, Bhutgali and Mahila Ashray Sadan, Chaitanya Vihar. The home authorities at both places now claimed "we only take the passbooks for updating them and at times because the women are likely to loose them".

On 26.02.09 the NCW team did a random check of passbooks Details in Annexure IV) at both the homes and discussed the issue with the residents. The results of the random check are presented in Annexures 8 & 9. As confirmed by the District Welfare Officer the latest installment of pensions was issued in Jan 09. However the random check revealed that at both the homes many of the passbooks had not been updated. The resident women largely said, "we are not aware of this and have never been informed by the madams". **At Pagal Baba Ashram all the residents were eager to know what was written in the passbooks so they could confirm whether they were receiving money due to them.** It was very depressing scenario at this ashram as further discussions revealed that many women residing at the ashram were still not receiving the pension money. It may be noted that this ashram is run under the Meera Sehbhagini Scheme of Government of U.P. and the women do not receive any allowance for food. The pensions and earnings from the *bhajan ashrams* are their only source of money that can be used for food. **Pensions a reality check – details are at Annexure VI.**

#### **Results of Random Check of Passbooks on 26.02.09**

- **At Pagal Baba Ashram of the 66 passbooks checked 14 were still not updated.**
- **At Mahila Ashray Sadan of the 53 passbooks checked 34 were still not updated.**
- **At Pagal Baba Ashram 33 women were living without pensions.**

Regarding the disbursement of pensions and the issues related to it **the District Welfare Officer at Mathura** said, "*the pension scheme has problems because the women of Vrindavan are largely illiterate and the banks do not have enough human resources to deal with the work load. Further there are issues at the department itself because of errors in the account numbers*". He believes that the cause of the women at Vrindavan is noble and that the pension service can and should be improved. His suggestions for improving the pension scheme are:

- Mobile banking services for the bedridden and old age pension receivers
- Appointment, service and termination norms for the employees involved in the running of homes and care services for the women.
- Joint six monthly (Banks and Department) review and update of pension accounts
- Single window office/service delivery at Vrindavan

**The Banks** that deliver the pensions to the women also had issues regarding the pension scheme. Managers of 3 banks that cater to the majority of the pension holders had the following to say:

- Opening of a Bank Account is the responsibility of the pension receiver and is a requirement of pension application. However most of the women are illiterate and can and do find it difficult to open an account unless they are helped to do so.
- Money can only be drawn by the pension holder in person and the passbook must accompany the withdrawal slip. However there may be problems in updating the passbook immediately because of rush in the bank, computer breakdown and limited human resources.
- The District Welfare Office at Mathura sends the list of pension holders whose money is released to the banks. Often in any given list 25-30% of the account numbers are incorrect thus leading to delays in payment.

**Their suggestions for better service delivery to the pension holders are as follows:**

- Correction of all account holder details through a joint exercise of the banks and the Welfare Department.
- Annual review of pension accounts by an independent authority.
- Joint Annual review of the pension accounts by the banks and the welfare department.
- Mobile banking service for the immobile and old age pensioners living in clusters.
- Trained human resources at the banks for handling of pension accounts.

Details of the pension – a reality check is placed at **Annexure-VI**.

## CHAPTER - 6

### BETTER SERVICE DELIVERY & DIRECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

Interviews were held, with officials of the Departments of Food & Supply and Welfare at Mathura, branch managers of Banks at Vrindavan, management of all the 6 homes run under the government schemes, to gather views and suggestions for the improvement of delivery of services to the destitute women of Vrindavan. Details are provided in **Annexure VII**.

#### **From the information provided by the interviewed persons it emerges that:**

- The State needs to provide appropriate budget outlay for electricity, water and maintenance as well as deployment of trained and qualified care giving personnel in homes.
- The Government of U.P. needs to provide a monthly food allowance for the women and deploy trained and qualified care givers in homes under the Meera Sehbhagini Scheme .
- An independent authority/expert group needs to be formed for the framing of rules and guidelines for the operationalisation of both the schemes.
- Appointment, service and termination norms, for the personnel employed in the homes/ institutions, to be formulated by an expert group.
- At the district head quarters the vacancy for the post of the Director, Welfare Department needs to be filled at the earliest.
- Current staff deployment, requirement and salary structure needs to be assessed and revised for proper implementation of both Swadhar and Meera Sehbhagini schemes
- Comprehensive door-to-door survey for the identification of destitute women in Vrindavan needs to be undertaken at the earliest and women provided with identification documents
- Appointment of trained social workers to be considered for placement at hospitals and institutions for the women.
- Provision for a comprehensive health care system for the women especially health care during old age.
- A single window system of services to be initiated at Vrindavan where in the services provided by different departments are pooled and there is a mechanism for registration and tracing of the women who arrive at Vrindavan.
- Enhanced involvement of NGOs and or qualified personnel in the management of homes and institutions for the women.

- Written norms and guidelines that enable interaction with the management of the bhajan ashrams (at the moment free from all forms of scrutiny and accountability).
- Six monthly/annual joint review of pension accounts by banking and welfare department officials.
- Mobile banking facilities for the women who are bedridden or not, physically, in a position to access their pension accounts.
- Maintenance of pension accounts at the homes and institutions open to periodical scrutiny by a citizen's committee/group.
- Increase in the kerosene quota for the women from 3 liter to 5 liter per month.
- Revision of the 14 k.g. monthly ration quotas for the women at Vrindavan given that for the rest of the Mathura district it is 35k.g.

**The views and suggestions provided by those currently engaged in the care and support of the destitute women of Vrindavan appear in sync with the findings of the NCW and other studies undertaken in the past. However in order for the issue to be addressed comprehensively following points may be taken into account:**

1. The fact that Vrindavan is home to a large number of destitute women emerges from established and rapidly changing socio-cultural and economic norms. Widows, old age women and single women are largely a section of the society that is neglected and denied access to their rights.
2. The opportunities and facilities available in Vrindavan enable women to acquire two square meals a day and escape the taboos and harassment otherwise imposed upon them. The women of Vrindavan are a community unto themselves and to an extent need to be understood in the context of empowerment. For example a widow who is harassed and abused in her home and society is accepted in Vrindavan and released from constant emotional torture. She is able to find a sense of freedom in the bhajan ashrams where she mingles with other women, dances and sings experiences spiritual elevation and gets some money for her personal needs as well .
3. Escape from poverty is a reason for many women who arrive in Vrindavan especially married women with children and spouses who are unable to earn a living in their hometowns.
4. Opportunities for employment and income generation are limited not only because the women are largely illiterate but also because there is a lack of infrastructure in terms of skills training, marketing and continued management support.
5. At least 50% of the women have children whom they visit or send gifts for and yet those children do not and or are unable to care for them. This fact must be viewed in sync with the old persons bill under consideration.

6. Women who are married and whose spouses have got married again without legal separation may require legal counsel and support for legal action.
7. Single women are a separate category that needs attention in terms of services and policies as they are often the most vulnerable.
8. The citizens of Vrindavan have little or no involvement in the schemes aimed at the women and could be involved in the form of self help groups and committees for review and scrutiny of services and schemes.
9. The bhajan ashrams are a law unto themselves. These institutions are the focal meeting points for destitute women and according to some a source of vital economic activity. An expert group may be required to be set up for the scrutiny of their work and financial transactions.
10. On the surface it appears that the destitute women are largely dependent on government schemes and programs but the fact remains that donations and alms form a bulk of the resources that support the survival of destitute women and their better and transparent utilization could help create a fund for the health care of these women as health remains the most neglected and needy area.
11. There are NGOs and political groups that are working with and for the destitute women of Vrindavan. However there is no attempt at organising these women into Self Help Groups.
12. And finally the destitute women of Vrindavan are a vibrant community with potential for managing their own affairs provided they are involved in the programs and schemes aimed at them rather than as recipients of welfare.



## CHAPTER - 7

### SUMMARY FINDINGS

#### Women Residing in Homes

- There are 6 Ashray Sadan/Short Stay Homes in Vrindavan. Of these 2 are run under the Meera Sehbhagini Scheme of GoU.P, 2 under the Swadhar Scheme of Gol and 2 by the NGOs, namely, Guild of Services and All India Womens Conference respectively. In all 800 destitute women reside in these homes.
- Of the 800 women 37% reside at the Ashray Sadans run under the Meera Sehbhagini Scheme of GoUP, 48% at the Ashray Sadans run under the Swadhar Scheme of Gol, 15% at Amar Badi, Ma Dham, Guild of Services and 6% at AIWC Old age and senior citizens home. Clearly majority of the women reside in government run 'homes'.
- 88% of the women living in the government run 'homes' are widows while 11% are married and 1% unmarried.
- 49% of the women living in homes fall in the 'Senior Citizens' Category (60-100yrs). Only 4% of the women may be considered to be in the young age category (20-40yrs) while 9% are in the 41-50 yrs category and 25% in the 51-60yrs categories.
- 81% of the women in homes are illiterate while 10% have studied till class V and 4% till class VIII.
- 46% of the women in homes have arrived in Vrindavan less than 5 years ago while 26% have been in Vrindavan for 6-10yrs and 13% for 11-15yrs.
- 86% of the women living in homes receive pensions while 95% hold the ration cards.
- One to one random interviews were held with 225 women. Of these 56% were found to be living in rented accommodation, 27% in government run 'homes' and 17% in temples, private ashrams and *bhajan ashrams* and their own premises.
- 78% of the interviewed women were found to be widows, 17% married and 5% unmarried.
- 50% of the widows among those interviewed had children in their place of origin that they had kept in touch with.
- 55% of the interviewed women belonged to the senior citizen category (60-90yrs) while 18% belong to the 56-60yrs categories, 10% to the 51-55yrs category, 7% to the 46-50yrs category, 4% to the 41-45yrs category and 3% each to the 36-40yrs and 31-35yrs categories respectively.

- 89% of the interviewed women were found to be illiterate while 5% had studied up to class V and 3% up to class VIII.
- 30% of the interviewed women had been in Vrindavan for less than 5 years while 21% had been in the city for 6-10yrs, 20% for 11-15yrs and 11% for 16-20yrs.
- Only 32% of the interviewed women received pensions and only 42% had ration cards.
- 2 homes are being run under the Swadhar Scheme namely Mahila Ashray Sadan, Chaitanya Vihar and Sita Ram Sadan, Ramanuj Nagar. 334 women reside in these homes.
- Swadhar Scheme is under the direct control of the District Magistrate and is implemented by the District Welfare Department. Under this scheme the women are provided Rs500 for food, Rs50 for pocket money, shelter and bedding. In addition to this medical care is provided through a dispensary at site. Budget for the year 2007-08 was released at the time of the study as a result the women had not received their dues for one year.
- Under the scheme outlay has not been provided for maintenance of building and assets such as water pump and electricity and water bill payment. As a result the personnel running the homes finds it difficult to provide quality services to the women and faces immense stress in the process of raising money for these utilities.
- Counseling services are provided through the employment and placement of a councilor at site however the currently employed person was found to be highly irregular. The case history files of the residents were found incomplete and no systematic process of counseling and group activities was found in operation.
- The Chief Development Officer of the district is of the opinion that due to a lack of framework for implementation of the scheme and appointment of staff there were many lapses in the program.
- The personnel who run the homes expressed a need for additional support staff and written guidelines for the day-to-day running of the home, admissions and emergencies.
- 2 homes are run under this scheme namely Leela Kunj Sadan and Ras Bihari Sadan at Pagal Baba Ashram, Bhut Gali. 302 women reside in these homes.
- The premises where the homes are run are over 100 years old. The infrastructure is unsuited to the needs of the women who live there as there is no running water in the toilets and old women are required to climb stairs to reach their rooms. In spite of repairs the doors and windows of the building are in a poor condition and during the winter season the women complain of cold drafts that lead to constant colds and aching bones.
- Under the scheme the women are provided shelter, bedding and medical services through an on-site dispensary.

- The women do not get any money for food or pocket expenses and have to rely on their pensions for all their needs.
- Majority of the women living in the homes are over 60yrs old. They cook their own food on kerosene stoves and go to the Bhagwan Bhajan Ashram at Patharpura from where they are able to earn some money to augment their pensions.
- There are allegations of corruption and ill treatment against the wardens of the homes. Most women were not in possession of their pension passbooks at the time of the first visit by NCW team. Passbooks were distributed to the women on the order of the CDO during the second visit of the team. Even so 24 women were found to be without pension accounts while 11 were without ration cards.
- The wardens and assistant wardens in charge of the homes do not possess the training and qualifications necessary for the running of such institutions. There is no system of counseling or care in case of illness. No systems were found in place for the upkeep of pension records.
- 116 women are on the rolls of Ma Dham, home run by an NGO called Guild of Services. 79% of the women residing in the home are illiterate and majority are in the age group of 50 yrs and above. The home is located at a distance of 3-4 km from the city of Vrindavan. It is a well-built premise with lawns and open spaces for activities. However there are vacancies in the home and women do not prefer living in the home as it is far from the city and transport facilities are hard to come by. As a result the women are unable to go to the temples and *bhajan ashrams* and this gives them a sense of being cut off from normal life. The 'home' authorities had experimented with vocational training and income generation programs but had to stop them because the women were too old to undertake sewing and tailoring and not very keen on making *papad* and *bari*.
- 48 women live in the short stay & senior citizens and old age home run by the AIWC at Taraash Mandir. 39 of these are widows while 7 are married and 2 unmarried. 42 women are in the above 60yrs age group and largely in need of care taking. Only 13 women receive pensions while 31 hold ration cards.
- The infrastructure of the homes is dilapidated and the toilets and bathrooms lack running water. The 'home' personnel feel that the bed bound women require care by adequately trained personnel and as the government grants received by them lack provision for such a person they have to make do with an assistant who is usually one of the younger woman from the short stay home.
- Women who live in the short stay home learn tailoring skills. There is no attempt to upgrade the sewing machines or affiliate the training with a recognized training program such as the one run by women's polytechnic and Usha International. The women are unable to find jobs based on these skills.

## Pensions and Ration Cards

- As per the records of the district welfare office 2818 women receive old age pensions while 892 women receive widow pensions. However among the 225 randomly interviewed women 68% were found without pensions and 58% without ration cards.
- 33 old women were found living in the Bhajan Kuti Ashram. 28 of these women did not have pensions or ration cards.
- At the Pagal Baba Ashram pension applications for 16 women have been pending since one year while 17 women were found whose applications for pensions had not even been filled.
- There is a problem in the updating of pension passbooks. The banks contend that this only happens because of shortage of human resources in banks and at times due to technical breakdowns.
- The authorities that run the homes allege that there are delays in release of pensions. The banks contend that there is a problem in the records of the Welfare Department as there are 25% errors in any given list of pension holders issued by the department. Often the errors pertain to the account numbers of the pension holders.
- The Welfare Department contends that the banks keep changing their accounting systems leading to changes in account numbers. There is allegedly a delay in the information of such changes reaching the department.
- 17 PDS outlets for ration distribution are located in the Vrindavan city. Of these, outlets are also located at the sites of homes for women and at bhajan ashrams. This has been done to ensure regular food supply to the women who live in the homes and frequent *bhajan ashrams*.
- 5% of the women living in homes/institutions do not have ration cards while 58% of the interviewed women did not have ration cards. The home authorities claim that only new entries lack ration cards while those living on their own claim lack of proof of residence as a reason for their inability to get ration cards.
- The women receive 8k.g wheat, 6k.g. rice, 3 liters of kerosene and 800gm sugar. Each woman receives 14k.g ration in Vrindavan while in the rest of the Mathura district it is 35k.g. The argument given for this is that in the case of Vrindavan the ration is for one person only.
- The officials of the Food and Supply Department as well as the women are of the view that the kerosene quota should be increased from 3 liters to 5 liters.
- The officials also suggest that the 14k.g. ration limit for Vrindavan should be revised and the food quota of the district increased as the numbers of ration cardholders far exceeds the allotted food supply quota. In addition to this they feel that specifically for the destitute

women of Vrindavan there should be a guideline for issuing and cancellation of ration cards since it is a floating population. They also recommend a door-to-door survey for the identification of women who have not received their ration cards.

#### **Suggestions from the District level Officials**

- Written rules and guidelines for the implementation of Swadhar and Meera Sehbhagini Schemes.
- Provision for qualified and trained staff in the field of care giving for the elderly and ill under the two schemes.
- Enhanced involvement of NGOs within a framework for the running of homes and medical care facilities for the women.
- Provision of mobile banking services for the elderly and bed bound persons so that they may receive their pensions without delays.
- Appointment, service and termination norms for the staff responsible for running of homes under the government schemes.
- Appointment of Social Workers in hospitals for ensuring timely and need based medical services to the women and other needy persons.
- A single window system at Vrindavan for providing quality services to the destitute women residing in the city.
- Six monthly reviews of pension accounts. The review must be undertaken together by the welfare department and bank officials.

## CHAPTER - 8

# RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Shelter** is the first major need of the women. A shelter that allows mobility, comfort and care without fear of oppression and scope for exploitation is the need of the hour at Vrindavan the issue of shelters could be addressed by opening old age homes and night shelters and improving the existing facilities and providing basic facilities like toilets, electricity and running water and support services of doctors , nurses and vocational trainers
2. Appointment, service and termination norms for the employees involved in the running of homes and care services for the women.
3. Need to upgrade counselling services Counseling services are provided through the employment and placement of a councilor at site however the currently employed person was found to be highly irregular. The case history files of the residents were found incomplete and no systematic process of counseling and group activities was found in operation.
4. **Health care** system for the women needs to take into account their health problems and should be accessible without cumbersome formalities Appointment of trained social workers to be considered for placement at hospitals and institutions for the women.
5. Opportunities for employment and income generation are limited not only because the women are largely illiterate but also because there is a lack of infrastructure in terms of skills training, marketing and continued management support. The State Government and other stakeholders should provide the opportunities for employment and income generation and could organize these women into Self Help Groups. The income generation activities must be accompanied by training and marketing support. Micro enterprise ventures that expand economic opportunities for women, gender sensitive hiring schemes for public projects could be encouraged
6. special audit may be undertaken regularly at District level for the scrutiny of the work and financial transactions of the Bhajan Ashrams
7. Pension scheme -
  - Joint six monthly (Banks and Department) review and update of pension accounts
  - Single window office/service delivery at Vrindavan
  - Opening of a Bank Account is the responsibility of the pension receiver and is a requirement of pension application. However most of the women are illiterate and can and do find it difficult to open an account unless they are helped to do so.

- Money can only be drawn by the pension holder in person and the passbook must accompany the withdrawal slip. However there may be problems in updating the passbook immediately because of rush in the bank, computer breakdown and limited human resources.
  - Correction of all account holder details through a joint exercise of the banks and the Welfare Department.
  - Annual review of pension accounts by an independent authority.
  - Joint Annual review of the pension accounts by the banks and the welfare department.
  - Mobile banking service for the immobile and old age pensioners living in clusters.
  - Trained human resources at the banks for handling of pension accounts.
  - Mobile banking services for the bedridden and old age pension receivers
8. Swadhar Scheme GOI .
- Gaps in the The Swadhar Scheme of Gol need to be filled in by the State Government by providing budget outlay for electricity, water and maintenance as well as deployment of trained and qualified care giving personnel in homes.
  - Swadhar Scheme is under the direct control of the District Magistrate and is implemented by the District Welfare Department. Under this scheme the women are provided Rs500 for food, Rs50 for pocket money, shelter and bedding. In addition to this medical care is provided through a dispensary at site. Budget for the year 2007-08 was released at the time of the study as a result the women had not received their dues for one year.
  - Under the scheme outlay has not been provided for maintenance of building and assets such as water pump and electricity and water bill payment. As a result the personnel running the homes finds it difficult to provide quality services to the women and faces immense stress in the process of raising money for these utilities.
9. The Meera Sehbhagini Scheme of the Government of U.P. needs to be amended to include a monthly food allowance for the women and deployment of trained and qualified care givers in homes.
10. An independent authority/expert group needs to be formed for the framing of rules and guidelines for the operationalisation and proper implementation of both the schemes.
11. A single window system of services to be initiated at Vrindavan where in the services provided by different departments are pooled and there is a mechanism for registration and tracing of the women who arrive at Vrindavan.

12. Enhanced involvement of NGOs and or qualified personnel in the management of homes and institutions for the women.
13. Increase in the kerosene quota for the women from 3 liter to 5 liter per month and Revision of the 14 k.g. monthly ration quotas for the women at Vrindavan given that for the rest of the Mathura district it is 35k.g. The women receive 8k.g wheat, 6k.g. rice, 3 liters of kerosene and 800gm sugar. Each woman receives 14k.g ration in Vrindavan while in the rest of the Mathura district it is 35k.g. and issuance of ration cards to all.
14. Organization of adult literacy classes.



## **WIDOWHOOD : AN INTRODUCTION**

**Destitute** *adjective* – Lacking the means to live; totally impoverished (Latin *destituere* to leave alone).

**Widow** *n.* - A woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried (old English *widewe*). According to the Indian Census 1991, there are 34 million widows in India. This number has increased to 35 million in the 2001 Census.

According to the Destitute Women and Widows Welfare Bill 2006 (Bill No XC of 2006) the term "**destitute**" is defined as *any female who has no independent source of livelihood or is not being looked after by any family member or relative and includes a divorced woman*. The term "**widow**" has been defined as *a woman whose husband has expired after legal marriage*. The *Sakanda Purana*, a Hindu text describes widows as "**more inauspicious than all other inauspicious things**" and though the times have changed the socio-cultural status of widows has shown little change. Widows have been considered inauspicious and their participation in festivals, social rituals, ceremonies such as welcome of a newly wed bride, wishing a happy and safe delivery to a pregnant woman etc is not encouraged. Customary ceremonies performed at the time of husband's death are also often verging on the barbaric such as breaking of bangles, tearing of *mangal sutra*, wiping off the *sindur* and shaving off of the head. A widow cannot wear *kumkum* nor can she wear nice clothes and ornaments and must eat frugally.

In a mini monograph put together by PUCL as a pilot, it is stated that the life of a widow and the social practices surrounding widowhood in the Indian sub-continent show a cross-border cross-cultural uniformity. In every culture or religious group widowhood is inauspicious. The life of a widow is marked by suffering and social exclusion, if not destitution. Most pathetic is the condition of widows who have to live on their own. The condition becomes worse if they also have to support children and especially daughters. Widows are subject to various taboos mainly aimed at controlling her sexuality but this does not prevent their being exploited sexually by unscrupulous family members or others. In West Bengal widows are often abandoned by their families and or are left in places of pilgrimage ostensibly to live an austere life.

In some parts of Northern India there is a custom of getting the widow married to the husband's younger brother or she may even be given to a cousin. The status of the widow is closely linked to her illiteracy, her incapacity to earn and her consequent dependence on her family for her livelihood and maintenance. "The widow is doubly traumatized as a widow and as a woman. She is victimized as a woman and because she is a woman she is marginalised as a widow," says a leading person working with widows. Widowhood in India is viewed not as just another phase in

one's life but as a personal and social aberration. There are deep social, economic and cultural implications of widowhood.

**Upon the death of the husband, Reality for the widow is:**

- She will rarely inherit his property
- She will be evicted from their home
- She is denied the right to remarry
- She is blamed for her husband's death
- She is cast out and ostracized
- She is vulnerable to violence and abuse
- Her children are often deprived of education
- She has little or no access to medical care
- She is often not even recognized in poverty statistics

**Widows in Third World Nations**

In many traditional communities of developing countries (especially in the Indian Sub-Continent and in Africa), widowhood represents a "social death" for women. It is not merely that they have lost their husbands, the main breadwinner and supporter of their children, but widowhood robs them of their status and consigns them to the very margins of society where they suffer the most extreme forms of discrimination and stigma. Widows in these regions are generally the poorest of the poor and least protected by law as their lives are determined by local, patriarchal interpretations of tradition, custom and religion. The grief that many third world widows experience is not just the sadness of bereavement but the realization of the loss of their position in the family that, in many cases, results in their utter abandonment, destitution and dishonour.

Widowhood has a brutal and irrevocable impact on a widow's children, especially the girl child. Poverty often forces widows to withdraw their children from school, exposing them to exploitation in child labour, prostitution, early forced child marriage, trafficking and sale. Often illiterate, ill equipped for gainful employment, without access to land for food security or adequate shelter, widows and their children suffer ill health and malnutrition, lacking the means to obtain appropriate health care or other forms of support.

There is an astonishing ignorance about the lack of public concern for the suffering of widows and their families on the part of governments, the international community and civil

society, and even women's organizations. In spite of 4 UN World Women's Conferences and ratification of the 1979 UN Convention on the Elimination of all forms of discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), widows are barely mentioned in the literature of Gender and Development.

Disputes over inheritance and access to land for food security are common across the continents of South Asia and Africa. Widows across the spectrum of ethnic groups, faiths, regions, educational and income position share the traumatic experience of eviction from the family home, and the seizing not merely of household property but even assets such as pension, share certificates, wills and insurance.

**Source: Widows in Third World Nations – Laws, Customs, Tradition and Religion;**  
<http://www.deathreference.com/Vi-Z/Widows in Third World Nations.html>

<sup>1</sup> Syed A.J. Sadiq in a paper titled *Protection and Empowerment of Widows and Elderly: International and Indian Perspectives* states that comprising nearly 8% of the total female population in the country widows in India are largely denied their rights to inheritance and are subject to eviction, violence, property grabbing etc. They struggle to survive without legal protection and of all women, they are the least empowered to use the existing legal and institutional framework. Further among women aged 60 and above, the proportion of widows is about 60%. This fact places them in an even more vulnerable position as they bear the double burden of being widows and elderly in a society where the family mores are rapidly changing.

<sup>2</sup> Dr Swain Pushpanjali in another paper titled *Socio-Demographic and Health Profile of Widows in India* states that comparison with census report 1991 with different national survey reports at different points of time indicates that there is an increasing trend in the proportion of widows to total female population in the country. In her paper she further states:

- According to census 1991, among females in the age group of 60 and above, more than 65% of widows are in the states of West Bengal, Goa, Assam, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.
- Among widows surveyed 78% are in the age group of 50 and above. And 22% belongs to the reproductive age group of 15-49 years (NFHS-2).
- Of those surveyed 78% are illiterate, close to 14% have completed up to primary and 7% have studied up to secondary school and only 1.4% have studied beyond secondary school.
- On an average, in India 80% of the widows live in households with low or moderate standard of living.

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<sup>2</sup> Dr Swain Pushpanjali, Senior Lecturer, Department of Statistics and Demography, 2004, *Socio-Demographic and Health Profile of Widows in India*

- Only 6.5% of widows live alone. More widows in rural areas (7.2%) than urban areas (4.8%) are living alone.
- According to National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) data (1995-96), among widows educational level of widows varied widely between place of residence and age group. Illiteracy rate is high among the widows in India – 9 in 10 widows are illiterate in the rural areas. Almost 37% widows are heading their households.
- NFHS-2 (1998-99) collected data on four major morbidity conditions of each member of household i.e. asthma, tuberculosis, jaundice and malaria. Prevalence of asthma and tuberculosis is found to be higher among the widows than among the general population. One-fourth of widows are reported to chew *paan masala* or tobacco. Chewing tobacco is much higher among widows in households with a low standard of living than in households with a high standard of living.
- The rural widows are more prone to disability than the urban counterpart. Half of the widows in rural areas and 43% in the urban areas have at least one disability. Disability with respect to vision is more pronounced and 1/3 rd of total widows have a problem with eyesight.
- The prevalence of chronic diseases among aged widows is higher in urban (61%) areas than in rural areas (56%). Problems of joints and cough happen to be the most severe diseases for the aged widows. High or low blood pressure comes next in prevalence.

In a study covering 37 widows living in old Delhi (in 2 areas of the walled city – Jama Masjid and Kucha Pundit) by PUCL it was found that most of the widows were living in families jointly with widowed daughters, children and grand children. Their living space was found to be miserable with lack of basic amenities such as toilets, bathing space and cooking space. "Neglected, deprived and condemned to a life of penury, with droplets of aid from the state in almost all the cases the in-laws, if living, were never mentioned as being of help. It is as though after the death of the son they no longer wished to have to do anything with the daughter-in-law". 25 Of the 37 interviewed widows belonged to the age group of 30-60 years while some were in the age group of 81-90. Majority of the women were widowed between the ages of 31-50years. The widowhood span of the women ranged from 3years to 16 years at the time of the interview. The late husbands of the women were mostly labourers while few had small businesses and private jobs. Small business means *chabbri* or *rehari* and not a shop while job means a peon in a shop etc. The widows supported themselves and their children through handicraft and stitching work but in 50% of the cases where the women were unable to get work they were supported by their daughters engaged in handicrafts, stitching and embroidery. The daughters were more supportive of the women while the sons usually dropped out of school and were engaged as labour or in small menial jobs. 10.8% of the widows had no steady income, 32.4% had incomes in the range of Rs100-Rs1000, 13.5% in the range of Rs1000-1500 and 45% in the range of Rs100-1500. Bulk of the respondents was suffering from eye problems followed by followed by backache, chest pain, TB and Blood

Pressure problems. On the whole the study surmises that the widows carry the burden of being widows and poor combined with the fact of illiteracy and responsibility of their children without family and social support. All most all the interviewed widows failed to visualize a future for themselves and their children and seem resigned to long life of struggle and hardship. In a paper titled <sup>3</sup> *Caste, Culture, and the Status and Well-Being of Widows in India*, the author, using <sup>4</sup> NFHS 1998-99 data contends that at all ages the incidence of widowhood is much higher for women than men. About 40% of women aged 60 are widowed compared to 12% of men, and the gap grows to 69 and 19 by age severity. The large disparity at each age is the result of the large average husband-wife age gap and the greater incidence of re-marriage among men. Despite popular perception, remarriage is not prohibited by any caste or religious group in India (Chen2000). The rate of remarriage among widows is significantly higher for the scheduled tribes. Muslims and Christians have similar widowhood and remarriage rates as the scheduled tribes in India. Using NFHS data he further demonstrates that female employment rates among non-widows are low overall, at 20% among those owning land and 40% among the landless. For all castes and religious groups, employment rates are higher among women currently widowed, for both landed and landless households (Table 1).

**Table-1**  
**Employment Among Women Aged 45-49, by Widowhood Status, NFHS**

|                 | Nonwidows    |          |                         | Widows       |          |                         |
|-----------------|--------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------|----------|-------------------------|
|                 | Work for Pay | Own Land | Work for Pay (landless) | Work for Pay | Own Land | Work for Pay (landless) |
| All India       | .20          | .52      | .40                     | .39          | .43      | .48                     |
| Scheduled Tribe | .29          | .72      | .43                     | .53          | .60      | .54                     |
| Scheduled Caste | .31          | .44      | .35                     | .50          | .34      | .43                     |
| OBCs            | .21          | .58      | .26                     | .43          | .45      | .47                     |
| Forward Caste   | .14          | .52      | .24                     | .30          | .46      | .32                     |
| Muslim          | .11          | .42      | .14                     | .23          | .31      | .30                     |
| Christian       | .33          | .47      | .41                     | .40          | .36      | .48                     |

*Source: Robert Jensen's Calculations from the NFHS*

<sup>3</sup> Jensen Robert, *Caste, Culture, and the Status and Well-Being of Widows in India*. The author is an associate professor of public policy at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and a faculty research fellow of National Bureau of Economic Research.

<sup>4</sup> National Family Health Survey is an organization for demographic and health surveys in India

For an in-depth understanding of wellbeing data was used from the <sup>5</sup> *Survey of Ageing in Rural India* (SARI). Across all caste groups, household expenditure per capita is lower for widows than non-widows. Examination of the BMI (Body Mass Index) data (Table 2) reveals that the scheduled castes and tribe widows are no worse off than non-widows in terms of BMI. However there are large differences between widows and non-widows for OBCs and especially the forward castes. This is reflective of the fact that there are stronger restrictions on employment among forward caste women and that widows in forward castes are not given as large a share of total household consumption as they are in the lower caste households. A similar lower BMI is seen among widows and especially among landless widows.

**Table-2**

**Expenditure per capita, BMI & Caste, Widows & Non-Widows, SARI**

|                 | Expenditure Per Capita |        | Body Mass Index (BMI) |        |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
|                 | Nonwidows              | Widows | Nonwidows             | Widows |
| Scheduled Tribe | 323                    | 251    | 18.9                  | 19.1   |
| Scheduled Caste | 424                    | 348    | 19.3                  | 19.4   |
| OBCs            | 593                    | 502    | 19.5                  | 19.3   |
| Forward Caste   | 715                    | 577    | 20.6                  | 19.4   |

*Source: Robert Jensen's Calculation from SARI data*

The paper offers as a conclusion that the status, treatment, and wellbeing of widows have a foundation in potential economic value, either through bargaining power within households or through a cultural underpinning to the evolution of cultural norms. The implication is that programs such as micro enterprise ventures that expand economic opportunities for women, gender sensitive hiring schemes for public projects and minimization of discrimination in private sector hiring may improve women and widow's status.

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<sup>5</sup> A survey of 1,477 households each containing a person aged 50 or above was conducted by the author in 5 states/ union territories – Delhi, Jharkand, Haryana, Kerala and Tamil Nadu in 2002. The survey collected information on a range of demographic, health, social and economic variables. In addition a village level survey was conducted in each sample cluster.

## **WIDOWS IN VRINDAVAN – A LITERATURE REVIEW**

According to a report of the <sup>6</sup> study sponsored by National Commission for Women in 1996 and titled *The Widows of Vrindavan* it is estimated that at the time there were more than 5000 widows and destitute women in the city of Vrindavan. These women were living in "pitiable and pathetic conditions" and having been abandoned by their families had no "financial, social or emotional support". The report states that:

- These women possess little or no employable skills and as a result are dependent on the *bhajan ashrams* and begging for their survival. The *bhajan ashrams* conduct *bhajans* in three shifts of early morning (6a.m. to 10a.m.), afternoon (10a.m. to 2p.m.) and evening (3p.m. to 7p.m.). The women who attend the *bhajan ashrams* are paid Rs 2 per shift while those who manage are paid between Rs5-9.
- The *bhajan ashrams* were started with an intention of serving the widow population but over the years have become a business enterprise for the trustees and management.
- The widows/women belonging to the younger age group undergo harrowing experience of sexual harassment, exploitation and assault. The police fail to provide protection while the attached social stigma prevents them from seeking help.
- Sex trade thrives in the city and young girls from Bengal, Nepal, Bombay, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh are trafficked into the city. The focus of this trade is an area called Gaura Nagar.
- The women are often unable to get living quarters on rent due to high rents and those who live in rented accommodation live in very small and unhygienic conditions.
- Many women suffer from TB, asthma, and HIV/AIDS. The health care system does not provide them with adequate services and in most cases they are unable to access the required health care services.
- The state makes little or no attempt at rehabilitating the women while their family members rob them of their inheritance and homes. The NGOs and civil society organisations also do not provide adequate services while the national pension scheme (Rs100 at the time) is insufficient and hampered by issues of corruption and non-payment.

The report recommended that the Government should address the issue at hand by opening old age homes and night shelters; by simplifying access to pension and increasing the pension amount; by enabling NGO involvement; by undertaking an examination of the bank accounts

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<sup>6</sup> National Commission for Women, 4 Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg, New Delhi, 1996, *The Widows of Vrindavan – Rehabilitation Plan*

where in unclaimed money in the name of widows is lying. The report also recommended the reservation of beds in hospitals and a mobile health facility for the women in addition to training, marketing, education and awareness programs for the women.

In another report titled <sup>7</sup> '*Spirituality, Poverty, Charity Brings Widows to Vrindavan*' based on a study of 255 widows in Vrindavan found that 40% of the widows had come to the city in the last 4 years, 18% had lived in the city for 5-9 years while only 11% had come 30 years or more ago. Most of the respondents hailed from West Bengal and particularly from Burdwan. A visit to the place revealed that in Burdwan only 25% of the population lives below poverty line while the literacy rate is more than 70%, never the less this did not have any bearing on the attitude toward widows who continue to be ill treated and abandoned. The Government of West Bengal gives a pension of Rs750 per month (highest in the country) but even this does not prevent the widows from leaving their homes and villages. There are 2 short stay homes for widows in Brudwan even so the widows prefer to migrate to Vrindavan and remain there.

A <sup>8</sup> *Needs Assessment report of HelpAge India* states that there are 3500 widows in Vrindavan. The age group of these women varies from 20-109yrs. The report highlights that:

1. **Shelter** is the first major need of the women. A shelter that allows mobility, comfort and care without fear of oppression and scope for exploitation.
2. **Health care** is the second need. The health care system for the women needs to take into account their health problems and must be open and accessible without cumbersome formalities.
3. **Mobility** is the third need of the woman emphasizing their need for independence in that they are able to go to bhajan ashrams, visit their family and lead a social life.
4. **Income generation** emerged as a need for only very young widows. The younger women have a desire to earn a livelihood with dignity. The income generation activities must be accompanied by training and marketing support.
5. Some of the other priorities of the women are education of their children, mental health care and the need for love and care.

In 2001-02 and 2005 the Mathura Administration of the Government of Uttar Pradesh undertook surveys. The first survey was undertaken by the <sup>9</sup> Nehru Yuvak Kendra and the second

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<sup>7</sup> UNIFEM supported research undertaken by Ms Usha Rai (Guild of Services) titled "Spirituality, Poverty, Charity Brings Widows to Vrindavan", 2007

<sup>8</sup> HelpAge India, C-14, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi, Report on Participatory Need Assessment of Widows in Vrindavan

<sup>9</sup> Baseline Survey of Widows, Destitute and Abandoned Women in Vrindavan, 2001-02, Nehru Yuvak Kendra, Mathura, U.P.



by the <sup>10</sup> Nagarpallika Parishad, Vrindavan. The results of the surveys are presented in Table 3. It is interesting to note that the two surveys have very similar results even though they were undertaken 3 years apart:

According to the NYK survey 86% women originate from West Bengal while as per the Nagarpallika survey it is 90%

- According to both the surveys 90% of the women in Vrindavan are widows
- The old age women (over 60yrs) range between 63-64%
- 12.41% women in the NYK survey and 12% in the Nagarpallika survey claim to have no desire to 'work'; they don't have the necessary skills to 'work' either.
- 23% of the women are willing to 'work' provided they get the training in requisite skills.
- About 15% of the women have skills that they can use for income generation provided they get the raw materials and marketing support.
- 5-6% are involved in 'work' such as candle, *papad* and *agarbatti* making.
- According to the NYK survey 90% and the Nagarpallika survey 87% women are illiterate.
- 80-81% of the women go to the *Bhajan* Ashrams.
- At the time of the NYK survey 7.67% and 7.56% were receiving Widow Pensions; this increased to 24.65% and 23.83% respectively at the time of the Nagarpallika Survey.

From the two survey it is very clear that majority of the women in Vrindavan belong to the 'senior citizen' category while the percentage of young women is almost negligible. Keeping in sync with this the overall literacy rates among the women are also low. It is therefore not surprising that a very small percentage of the women have any employable skills and are thus dependent on the *Bhajan* Ashrams and donations for their survival. The percentage of women who receive state pensions is also low and the amount received equally low thus supporting the womens need for augmentation of their income through other means like begging, alms collection and *Bhajan* Ashrams.

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<sup>10</sup> Survey of Destitute Women in the City of Vrindavan, 2005, Nagarpallika Parishad, Vrindavan, U.P.

**Table-3**  
**Survey of Widows, Destitute and Abandoned Women in Vrindavan-Comparison**

| Survey Parameters   | Results of the Survey by<br>Nehru Yuvak Kendra<br>(2001-02)                         | Results of the Survey by<br>Nagarpallika Parishad,<br>Vrindavan (2005)              |
|---|---|---|
| Total Destitute Women in Vrindavan  | 2957  | 3105  |
| Place of Origin of the Women  | 2543 from West Bengal,<br>Besides from Orissa,<br>Rajasthan, Madhya<br>Pradesh etc. | 2800 from West Bengal,<br>Besides from Orissa,<br>Rajasthan, Madhya<br>Pradesh etc. |
| Widows  | 2679  | 2800  |
| Other Destitute Women   | 140   | 137   |
| Abandoned Women   | 145   | 141   |
| No of Women in the Age Group of 15-20 years   | 27  | 30  |
| No of Women in the Age Group of 21-29 years   | 111   | 120   |
| No of Women in the Age Group of 30-39 years   | 261   | 265   |
| No of Women in the Age Group of 40-49 years   | 308   | 320   |
| No of Women in the Age Group of 50-59 years   | 367   | 370   |
| No of Women in above the age of 60 years  | 1883  | 2000  |
| No. of Women who are not interested in earning a livelihood through 'work' and do not have the skills for paid 'work'         | 367   | 370   |
| No. of Women who want to 'work' and require necessary skills and training   | 707   | 720   |
| No. of Women who have some 'work' skills and are willing to work if raw materials and marketing facilities are made available | 437   | 450   |
| Women who are already involved in income generating 'work' such as candle making, pickle and <i>papad</i> making              | 164   | 170   |
| No of Illiterate Women  | 2661  | 2700  |
| Total No of Women who are literate  | 296   | 405   |
| Of those who are literate, no that have completed class V   | 84  | 90  |
| Of those who are literate, no that have completed class VIII  | 19  | 25  |
| Of those who are literate, no that have completed class X   | 12  | 15  |
| Of those who are literate, no that have studies more than Class X   | 3   | 6   |
| Total No of Women who go to the <i>Bhajan</i> Ashrams   | 2428  | 2500  |
| Women who get Widow Pension   | 227   | 235   |
| Women who get Old Age Pension   | 729   | 740   |
| Women who are benefited by the <i>Annapurna</i> (PDS) scheme  | 71  | 100   |

## DETAILS OF THE WOMEN INTERVIEWED AT VRINDAVAN

| Sl. No. | Name           | Age | Current Address   | Place of Origin | Caste/ Religion | Pension | Ration Card | Edu.  | Marital Status | In Vrindavan Since | Comments   |
|---------|----------------|-----|---|-----------------|-----------------|---------|-------------|-------|----------------|--------------------|--|
| 1.      | Shanti Bai     | 65  | Meera Bai's Jhopdi, Godhuli, Vrindavan                              | Jhansi, M.P.    | Hindu           | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 25 yrs             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Husband and son died</li> <li>● Woman in village advised to come to Vrindavan</li> <li>● Started as a maid</li> <li>● Now too old so survives on bhajan ashram</li> </ul> |
| 2.      | Chanda Dasi    | 60  | Chamunda Devi Colony, Goregaon                                      | U.P.            | Hindu           | No      | Yes         | Illit | Married        |                    | Belongs to Vrindavan, husband is ill and blind<br>Used to work as labourer but too old<br>Survives on bhajan ashram  |
| 3.      | Karan Dei      | 62  | Dhaurera Village, Vrindavan   | U.P.            | Hindu           | No      | Yes         | Illit | Widow          |                    | Has three children, wants pension  |
| 4.      | Parvati Mahto  | 50  | Dabanar Kunde, Beyond Railway Phatak, Vrindavan                     | West Bengal     | Hindu           | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 15 yrs             | Lives inn rented acco<br>Son works in Malda<br>2 daughters have been married<br>Survives on bhajan ashram  |
| 5.      | Vaijanthi Devi | 55  | Gaura ngr, Balram Baba Ashram, Brahman shyam Khunti Road, Vrindavan | Chattisgarh     | Hindu           | No      | No          | Illit | Separated      | 1 yr               | Husband was married earlier, had 4 kids<br>She could not have kids<br>Left home a year ago<br>Pays rent of Rs. 150, dependent on bhajan ashram   |
| 6.      | Revati         | 55  | Har Shankar's house, Jugal Ghat, Vrindavan                          | Muraina, M.P.   | Hindu           | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 6 yrs              | 2 sons live in Muraina as rikshaw pullers too poor so came to vrindavan<br>Rent Rs. 250<br>Vallabh Mandir me gobar thapte hai, begging and bhajan ashram is the source of income                                   |
| 7.      | Brijlata       | 70  | Hathras   | U.P.            | Hindu           | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          |                    | Rs100 rent<br>Survival on bhajan ashram  |

| Sl. No. | Name           | Age | Current Address                   | Place of Origin       | Caste/Religion | Pension | Ration Card | Edu.  | Marital Status | In Vrindavan Since | Comments  |
|---------|----------------|-----|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------|-------------|-------|----------------|--------------------|---|
| 8.      | Gauri Karamkar | 65  | Gyan Gudri Ashram                 | Bankura, West Bengal  | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 36 yrs             | Widowed at age 30, didn't have land, were dependent on labour<br>2 sons and 4 daughters – came to vrindavan with all the children, now all are married<br>Daughter lives in a nearby village and visits her every 2 months  |
| 9.      | Radha Dasi     | 52  | Brahm Kund                        | West Bengal           | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | 6th   | Unmarried      | 35 yrs             | Saw a movie and learnt about Meera Bai, wanted to be like her, find God so left home without telling anyone<br>Initially stayed in a temple but Guruji said work and live on your own<br>Started working as a aaya in a school, worked there for a long time, saved Rs20,000, gave the money to a known person cause he promised to give me a room for as long as I live, rent is paid for till July 2009<br>Can't live in ashram because I like to live on my own, need to do puja, don't cook, survive on alms<br>Has 3 brothers, their wives and kids they wnt her to live with them but says "this is my life, every eve I come to the bhajan ashram and do katha, I believe that I will ultimately meet Krishana"<br>Have applied for pension<br>Sells the ration and uses the money for her needs |
| 10.     | Kalpana Mondal | 45  | Bhagwan Bhajan Ashram, Patharpura | Beldanga, murshidabad | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | illit | Married        | 15 yrs             | Lives in the bhajan ashram and takes care of Kunjlata Ma<br>Was born into a poor family of 2 brothers, today mother is a widow, 1 brother is a ricksahw puller and 1 a mason  |

| Sl. No. | Name           | Age | Current Address                                    | Place of Origin     | Caste/Religion | Pension | Ration Card | Edu.  | Marital Status | In Vrindavan Since | Comments  |
|---------|----------------|-----|--|---------------------|----------------|---------|-------------|-------|----------------|--------------------|---|
|         |                |     |  |                     |                |         |             |       |                |                    | <p>Left home with a group of women 15yrs ago, left 2 daughters behind with grand mother and a mentally ill husband</p> <p>Brother-in-law took what ever little land was at home and she was left to fend for her family so decided to come to vrindavan</p> <p>Started working as a maid and still works in 2 houses, used to stay on rent at Kishore Pura, intially the rent was Rs25, then Rs50, then Rs200 and now Rs300</p> <p>Shifted to bhajan ashram 3 months ago</p> <p>Has a ration card</p> <p>Through her earnings over the years got 1 daughter married and 1 is still back home. She also works as a maid</p> <p>"when I came here I was very scared but now I know that radharani provides for everyone. A pension would help but the fact is that a married woman who comes to vrindavan only comes inn very trying circumstances. "</p> <p>Goes home twice a year, doesn't call them because it would cost too much. Feels that after the 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter's marriage will continue to live in Vrindavan and die here as well.</p> |
| 11.     | Man Khushi     | 45  | Vidya Ashram                                       | Malkangir, Orissa   | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 7 yrs              | <p>Came to Vrindavan with her son 7yrs ago after the death of her husband.</p> <p>Son lives in Nityanand ashram and goes to school while she lives in Vidya Ashram</p>  |
| 12.     | Nauni Bala Pal | 65  | Brijbasi Nand Pandey's Bari, Bhootgali, Patharpura | Howrah, West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 18 yrs             | <p>Interviewed at Bhagwan Bhajan Ashram on 2.2.09</p>   |

| Sl. No. | Name            | Age | Current Address                             | Place of Origin           | Caste/Religion | Pension | Ration Card | Edu.  | Marital Status | In Vrindavan Since | Comments   |
|---------|-----------------|-----|---|---------------------------|----------------|---------|-------------|-------|----------------|--------------------|--|
| 13.     | Basunti Sarkar  | 65  | Meda Bari,<br>Gopinath Bazar,<br>Patharpura | Naudweep,<br>West Bengal  | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 5 yrs              | lives on rent, Rs. 100<br>interviewed at Bhagwan ashram on 2.2.09  |
| 14.     | Srimati Bishesh | 75  | Brijbasi Naulite's<br>Bari, Ghura Colony    | Vardhman,<br>West Bengal  | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 40 yrs             | Rs. 200 rent   |
| 15.     | Kusuma Bai      | 77  | Pande ka Makan,<br>Office Bari, Bus stand   | Jalon,<br>Madogarh        | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 10 yrs             | Rs. 100 rent   |
| 16.     | Kamla           | 60  | Govind Mandir                               | Pratappur                 | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Married        | 16 yrs             | Husband married again and threw her out so came to Vrindavan   |
| 17.     | Pramila Kumhar  | 35  | Jhopdi, Near<br>Sudama Kutti                | Patna, Bihar              | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Married        | 20 days            | Left home, husband and children claims that husband used to ill treat her and she could not take it anymore<br>Admitted her to Chaitanya Vihar ashram since she didn't have a place to stay on 2.2.09  |
| 18.     | Ramvati         | 40  | Govindji's mandir<br>near Rangji mandir     | Bilaspur,<br>Chattisgarh  | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 15 yrs             | Ramvati is blind, after husband died wanted to bring her 8yr old daughter with her but decided to leave her with mother as vrindavan is no place for young girls and she is blind<br>Sends money and clothes home. Wants to educate her daughter<br>Goes home to meet her daughter |
| 19.     | Budhbala        | 50  | Kadam's house,<br>Paikarma Road             | Chapa,<br>Chattisgarh     | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 10 yrs             | Survives on begging and bhajan ashrams   |
| 20.     | Neebha Mondal   | 50  | Sharma's Bari,<br>Bhootgali                 | Chandipur,<br>West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 12 yrs             | Rs. 125 rent<br>Didn't have anything left at home so came here   |
| 21.     | Kolari Pal      | 40  | Omkar nath Mandir,<br>Loi Bazar             | Bir Bhum,<br>West Bengal  | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 4 yrs              | Rs. 125 rent   |
| 22.     | Anita Halder    | 50  | Savitri's Bari, Pani<br>Ghat                | Nodia,<br>West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 3 yrs              | Rs. 150 rent   |

| Sl. No. | Name              | Age | Current Address                       | Place of Origin              | Caste/Religion | Pension | Ration Card | Edu.  | Marital Status | In Vrindavan Since | Comments   |
|---------|-------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|---------|-------------|-------|----------------|--------------------|--|
| 23.     | Pope Rani         | 45  | Vinash Mandir, Near Pagal Baba Ashram | Murshidabad, U.P.            | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Married        | 6 mths             | Rs. 250 rent<br>Lives with husband and 2 daughters have been married off<br>Husband is ill and not able to work  |
| 24.     | Bhanu Devi        | 60  | Raju Das's Bari, Ghura Nagar          | Hubli, West Bengal           | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 3 yrs              | Doesn't pay rent   |
| 25.     | Radha Rani De     | 60  | Brijbasi Govardhan's Bari, Brahmkund  | Naudia, West Bengal          | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Married        | 8 yrs              | Rent Rs. 100<br>Husband Ishwar Biren De sells peanuts and lives with her   |
| 26.     | Kanchan           | 35  | Bada Kuan, Gopinath Bagh              | Boshirhat, West Bengal       | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | Illit | Married        | 14 yrs             | Rent Rs. 600<br>Lives with husband and 2 children. Husband does not work   |
| 27.     | Sarojini Deb Nath | 60  | Pagal Baba Ashram                     | Naudia, West Bengal          | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          |                    | Pension Pass book is with the madam "madam doesn't give it to me"  |
| 28.     | Thakur Dasi       | 85  | Pagal Baba Ashram                     | West Bengal                  | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          |                    | Pension Pass Book not given<br>Suffers from asthma, has to buy inhaler<br>Has an ID card – Shri Vrindavan Sewa Parichay Patra No 64317; made by Shri Gurudev Sewa Trust, Nikunj Van, Pani Ghat, Ph:445253, Sponsored by Bank of Baroda |
| 29.     | Gauri Dasi        | 70  | Pagal Baba Ashram                     | Naudia, West Bengal          | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 15 yrs             | Has her Pass Book  |
| 30.     | Bina Adhikari     | 65  | Pagal Baba Ashram                     | Chaubis Pargana, West Bengal | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 10 yrs             | Pass Book is with madam<br>Suffers from High Blood Pressure, needs to buy medicines  |
| 31.     | Bhavani Singh     | 70  | Pagal Baba Ashram                     | Howrah, West Bengal          | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 12 yrs             | Has her pass book with her   |
| 32.     | Rani Dasi         | 70  | Pagal Baba Ashram                     | Chaubis Pargana, West Bengal | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 11 yrs             | Has her pass book<br>Suffers from High Blood pressure and back ache  |

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| 33.     | Protima Shah | 65  | Pagal Baba Ashram | Barasat, Calcutta, West Bengal    | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 1 yr               | Feels health services are needed<br>Has a ration card but no pension<br>2 sons got married and went their way, couldn't pay rent or earn anymore so came here<br>Was ill for a long time, went to many places for treatment. Feels that health services need improvement  |
| 34.     | Anando Mai   | 40  | Pagal Baba Ashram | Bir Bhum, West Bengal             | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 4 yrs              | 22yr old son left home one day and didn't come back. Waited for years for him to return but he didn't.<br>"bhalo lage na, bahut dukh jivan"<br>Got pension for the first time this year<br>Pension book not given "madam says why do you need it"   |
| 35.     | Maloi Boregi | 70  | Pagal Baba Ashram | Panduey, Near Howrah, West Bengal | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 10 yrs             | Has her pass book<br>Goes home once a year<br>Has pain in the back and her hand   |
| 36.     | Kamla Sarkar | 60  | Pagal Baba Ashram | Bangladesh                        | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 5 yrs              | Came here 5yrs ago and now am not able to go back, don't want to go back.<br>Back home I have 2 sons and 2 daughters, we are so poor. I'd rather they came here than I return<br>Eye sight is poor and hand is broken, pains all the time as it didn't set properly<br>Got pension only once in Oct 2008 and don't have the pass book<br>"pension banane wali madam ne 500 rupe liye the" |



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| 37.     | Bindu Dasi    | 65  | Pagal Baba Ashram               | Jagatpur, West Bengal     | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 10 yrs             | Has one daughter and no son<br>"bhalo lage na tou keno thaki"<br>pension book is with her and has got pension twice  |
| 38.     | Shiv Dasi Pal | 55  | Pagal Baba Ashram               | Naudia, West Bengal       | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 10 yrs             | Got pension twice<br>Doesn't have the pass book<br>Claims that ration is sold by the authorities (that which is received in donation)  |
| 39.     | Urmila Dasi   | 50  | Pagal Baba Ashram               | Augo dweep, West Bengal   | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 9 yrs              | Been in ashram since 3yrs<br>Came to vrindavan 9 yrs ago with her daughter who is now married and lives in Vrindavan<br>She used to live in rented house and earned her living as a maid<br>Daughter's husband is also no good<br>Doesn't have her pass book<br>Check with Kanika about the case study |
| 40.     | Ganga Patra   | 55  | Pagal Baba Ashram               | Mednapur, West Bengal     | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 4 yrs              | Claims has got pension twice<br>Guru Mai takes a cut from the pension, does not give the pension book<br>Shravan mas me 1600 mile aur 500 gurumai ne le liye<br>Jan 2009 me 1800 mile aur 200 taken by gurumai   |
| 41.     | Ram Devi      | 82  | Laxmikant Kunj, Gopinath Bazaar | Shah Jahanpur, Khuda Ganj | Hindu          | Yes     | No          | Illit | Widow          | 16 yrs             | Doesn't have a ration card<br>Gets pension since 2yrs, Kusum Singh's son Raju had my pension made<br>Rent Rs105 (shared room)<br>Goven Mandir wale malik ne manager rakha hai use hi rent dete hai<br>1 son does labor work and sometimes agriculture on leased land<br>1 daughter is married          |

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| 42.     | Charu Bala Debnath | 70  | Laxmikant Kunj,<br>Gopinath Bazaar | Tripura                | Hindu          | Yes     | No          | Illit | Widow          | 20 yrs             | I have 1 daughter and my circumstances are very poor. If the Tripura govt does something for me I will be happy to go back because here I pay rent of Rs105 and can be thrown out any day.<br>Have been getting pension for the past 3yrs, this was done by Kamla Ghosh<br>Try to go to RKM for treatments but in emergency have to go to private practitioners |
| 43.     | Srimati Dasi       | 70  | Laxmikant Kunj,<br>Gopinath Bazaar | Jamshedpur<br>Tata     | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 22 yrs             | Became a widow at very young age so had no children<br>Was born in a family of 7 sisters and 1 brother so had little option but to fend for self.<br>Had a guru bhai in Madan Mohan Mandir. He helped me in reaching Vrindavan.<br>Pay a rent of Rs115<br>Used to get a pension but I no longer get it.   |
| 44.     | Jog Maya Saha      | 65  | Laxmikant Kunj,<br>Gopinath Bazaar | Hubli,<br>West Bengal  | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 5 yrs              | Both husband wife wanted to come to Vrindavan in their old age but he died. So she came.<br>Has 3 sons – all doing well but she wishes to be here.<br>Hasn't gone home in two years.<br>Pays rent Rs. 300 because likes being in a single room  |
| 45.     | Bind Basini        | 65  | Laxmikant Kunj,<br>Gopinath Bazaar | Naudia,<br>West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 3 yrs              | Rent Rs. 110<br>Has 1 son and 1 daughter  |
| 46.     | Pushpa Haldar      | 50  | Laxmikant Kunj,<br>Gopinath Bazaar | Naudia,<br>West Bengal | Hindu          |         |             |       |                |                    |   |
| 47.     | Shanti Yadav       | 60  | Maa Dham                           | Mughal Sarai           | Hindu          | Yes     | No          | Illit | Widow          | 12 yrs             | Had 2 children but both are dead<br>Husband died 15yrs ago  |

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| 48.     | Bina Sen     | 70  | Maa Dham               | Calcutta, West Bengal | Hindu          | Yes     | No          | Illit           | Widow          | 5 yrs              | Husband died in young age<br>Has 1 son and 1 daughter, both in Calcutta  |
| 49.     | Parvati Dasi | 70  | Patharpura             | Calcutta, West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Widow          | 45 yrs             | Got married at the age of 12 and widowed at the age of 15. Used to live with her in-laws for about 5 years where she was subjected to mental and physical harassment and was blamed for the death of her husband. Father had expired shortly after getting her married and had 3 elder sisters who were married off in three different states. Spent rest of the 5 years in Bengal trying to earn a living by cleaning utensils and doing household chores as domestic help, but had a couple of unpleasant experiences with the males in those households and fled to Vrindavan after one of the masters tried to sexually abuse her. Came to Vrindavan and has been living on rent ever since. At first, she had a distant aunt who provided her with shelter for a while and she did household chores and swept floors at temples to earn decent living for herself. For the past 8-10 years, she has been largely dependent on bhajan ashrams and donations by worshippers. She resides in a rented place that has light, water and a toilet. Says she is happy with what she has but does so with an air of resignation instead of contentment. Goes to Kali Baba Hospital for medical treatment and is quite free from any major illness or ill-health related to old age. |
| 50.     | Renu Dasi    | 50  | Gurukul Rohini Ashram, | Vardhman, West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Widow          | 8 yrs              | Renu Dasi - The subject has no next of kin except a brother. Got married at the age of   |

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|         |            |     |                               |                 |                |         |             |       |                |                    | 14 and her husband expired after 4 years of marriage. She has no children as she is infertile. Rarely keeps in touch with her brother and goes to meet him once in 2-3 years. Spent most of her years in Bengal weaving saaris and left the work because of age and increasing incapacity to work efficiently. Came to Vrindavan knowing its spiritual importance. Earns Rs. 6/Day from bhajan ashrams. There are times when she is unable to go to ashram because of illness, so has no option but to eat less. Brother does not send her money and neither does she ask for it. "Bengal mein pension, ration milta toh kabhi nahi aati", "agar aap mujhe bengal mein pension aur ration dilwaoge, toh main kal vrindavan se nikal jaungi.", "sarkar sirf aapko aur mujhe dikkat deti hai- aapko ghar baar chhod kar idhar aate ho aur humari bhi umeed bad jati hai, magar sarkar karti kuch nahi. sarkar sirf ration paani ka daam badati hai magar aamdani nahi...agar sarkar kuch degi nahi,toh kya hum mitti khayenge?Agar bengal ki sarkar humara khayal rakhegi, toh hum mein se koi nahi aayega idhar. yaha par sardi jyada hai.garmi bhi jyada hai..." |
| 51.     | Kaveri Bai | 44  | Gopinath Bazar,<br>Patharpura | Patna, Bihar    | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 2 yrs              | Kaveri Bai-The subject has 2 sons and 1 married daughter and her husband expired an year before she came to vrindavan. The sons who are jobless and live on menial labor and begging, and have families of their own, kicked her out of the house and left her to fend for herself. She used to be beedi worker for  |

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|         |             |     |                              |                       |                 |         |             |       |                |                    | 10years and her ability to work was diminishing, so she came along with a couple of ladies for worship to vrindavan, and never left. The family is not aware of her whereabouts - "ghar waalo ko na pata hai, ni fikr hai ke zinda hu ya mar gai. jab ghar se hi nikaal diya, to mujhse kya lena dena hai?", earns meagre amount of living by going to bhajan ashrams and begging. "Sab se jyada kamai toh seth log (rich donors) se milta hai - kapda, kambal, khaana aur kabhi kabhi paisa milta.. baki ka kharcha bhajan ashram aur maangne se nikalta hai." She stays in a rented room with two other widows and pays about Rs. 100 per month. Health-wise, she has no real concerns as of now. Medicines and medical treatment is done by the Government Van which apparently comes from Mathura for free medical treatment and medicines. |
| 52.     | Shanti Devi | 80  | Pagal Baba Ashram Patharpura | Calcutta, West Bengal | Hindu           | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 50 yrs             | Shanti Devi- The subject got married at the age of 5 and was widowed at the age of 16. She bore a daughter from the marriage, who eventually died at an early age. Shanti used to work in households in her home state and came to vrindavan following the popularity of vrindavan in the home state. She lives in Pagal Baba Ashram and receives pension and ration apart from the shelter, electricity and water at the ashram. She seems to be quite content there and said that the whole ashram gelled together as a family-" idhar saari aurte ek dusre ka khayal rakhti hai. agar aap sab se saath acche   |

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|         |                |     |                  |                  |                |         |             |                |                |                    | rahoge, toh baaki saare bhi aap ke saath accha karenge. hum saare ek dusre ki madad karti hai, khayal rakhti hai. thodi bohot nok-jhok kis ghar mein nahi hoti? lekin sab ek saath pyaar se rehte hai." She has minor ailments which are connected with old age, but says that the doctor who visits the ashram takes care of it. We later learned that Shanti Dasi was particularly close to the superintendent of the ashram and her version of the state seemed to differ from the accounts of other ladies in the same ashram.   |
| 53.     | Mankhushi Dasi | 60  | Patharpura       | Markanda, Orissa | Hindu          | No      | No          | 3 <sup>d</sup> | Widow          | 7 yrs              | Mankhushi Dasi- The subject was really hesitant to talk about her personal life. Did not reveal details as to when she got married and when her husband died, but did reveal that she came to Vrindavan by train and came because neither of her 4 sons are earning enough to support their own families and her. She keeps in regular touch with them and goes to visit them and there is no discord as such in the family home. She earns only through bhajan ashrams and says that she hasn't seen a time or period when she was not able to earn any cash. Health is an issue and goes to RK mission hospital where they don't charge for visitation but money is required to buy prescribed medicines. It is tough but at times of need, she sells the goods donated by worshippers to get by and to provide for herself. |
| 54.     | Raju           | 60  | Dohrera, Mathura | Dohrera, Mathura | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit          | Widow          | NA                 | Raju- The subject lives in Mathura and regularly travels to Vrindavan on foot/bus to earn  |

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|         |      |     |                 |                 |                 |         |             |      |                |                    | <p>through bhajan ashrams. Mostly, she tries to work as a laborer in farms and has been a farmer herself, but ever since her husband expired, she had to sell of the land. has family but refused to discuss them - "ghar mein log hai toh sahi, magar poochta koi nahi, toh aapko bata kar bhi kya fayda?"...and is not in touch with anyone in the family-"koi nahi poochta aur koi nahi milta". she stays alone and does not interact with any one and is seemingly satisfied with that-"ghar waalo ki zarurat bhi nahi hai, apni marzi ke maalik hai." Earns cash through labor jobs, but in vrindavan, through bhajan ashrams, collecting garbage and begging-" bohot baar hota hai jab paisa nahi kama paate, toh us time maang maang ke pet bharna padta hai..kabhi kabhi kuda bhi ikkatha kar leti hu". Is not able to meet all her needs with the amount she earns. Lives in her own house in the village and has complains about her health- "khaasi(cough) aur saans(breathing) i kafi dikkat rehti hai...phool jati hai." Has breathing problem since a while now and nobody else is there to take care of her-"ishwar hi hai bus." Does not pay for her medical treatment-" sarkaar ki gadi aati hai mathura mein aur bina paise ki dawa milti hai." Does not envisage any kind of life for herself and just wants the government to be mindful of pension to ladies living in rural areas.</p> |

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| 55.     | Indu Dasi | 55  | Gopal Mandir Ashram | Govardha, Orissa         | Hindu           | No      | No          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Widow          | 5 yrs              | Indu Dasi-The subject has 6 sons and neither of them care for her. She came to vrindavan soon after her husband expired as the sons were not taking care of her. Indu works as a sweeper in Gopal Mandir and has also done the same in her home state. She is not in touch with any family/ relative-" aane jaane ke liye paisa nahi hai" and is largely dependent on other widows who sing in the bhajan ashram for emotional support and ignores the need for a family-"yaad to aati hai aur lagta hai ke ghar waalo ke saath rehna chahiye hai magar jyada nahi sochti." Earns money usually through bhajan ashrams and tends to sweep floors or wash utensils at times and tends to turn to begging when the situation is dire. She has no particular ailments except problem with her eyesight and is looking to get it operated in Agra, in a Government hospital, but when she does have medical needs, she usually has no money to be treated. She tries to get free medicines but it is tough for her and ends up paying Rs. 100-200/visit to the doctors at Radha Raman Clinic. When asked about what she wanted from the Government - "sarkaar bus ration aur pension dede, so usse jyada kya maang sakte hai?" |
| 56.     | Aarti     | 45  | Patharpura          | Murshidabad, West Bengal | Hindu           | No      | No          | 8 <sup>th</sup> | Widow          | 25 yrs             | Aarti-The subject has no next of kin except a married daughter, who comes and goes every 3 months to visit her. She came to vrindavan while she was pregnant with her daughter and her husband had left her. She got news 8-10   |



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|         |              |     |                               |                          |                 |         |             |                 |                |                    | years back that her husband had expired. She earned a living by working as domestic help but does not get any work now. Sustains herself by mostly begging and earns Rs. 3/day in bhajan ashrams and also collects garbage in order to earn money. Brother is wealthy but renders no help to her. Refuses to accept money from daughter and lives in pitiable condition in a rented place, which has no electricity, water and toilet-"kamre mein rehte hai..sifr chaar deewar hai..na light,na paani, na shauchalya...theek se sone ki bhi nahi milta." Does not want to live in ashrams because she thinks that they wont take her because she is not old enough. When enquired about her health-"hum to dimaagi haalat se hi bimaar hai..nange hai (i am next to naked), but fir bhi jee rahe hai"..mentally as much anything, she is disturbed but somehow is surviving. When she falls ill, there is noone to take care of her unless she calls her daughter to come and take care of her. Goes to a private doctor who charges Rs.100-200/visit and wants the government to provide for free medicines, ration card, pension and a decent place to live." |
| 57.     | Lakshmi Devi | 61  | Gopinath Bazar,<br>Patharpura | Calcutta,<br>West Bengal | Hindu           | Yes     | No          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Widow          | 8 yrs              | Lakshmi DeviThe subject seems to be quite content about her living conditions in vrindavan. Her husband has been dead since 25 years and has two daughters who are married, Used to work as a nanny in Marwari househol in her home state and came to   |

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|         |           |     |                                 |                       |                |         |             |                 |                |                    | vrindavan after that-"main yaha par khush hoon.main idhar tab aayi jab udhar akeli pad gayi thi" came here when i was alone there and not for benefits. Son-in-laws are willing to help but she refuses. Earns about Rs. 180/month from bhajan ashrams and also gets Rs. 1800/6 months in form of pension. Pays Rs. 300/month as rent and pension goes into that, rest is hand to mouth. The conditions of her residence i quite good and as are the landlords-"makaan maalik bohot acche hai...light,paani,toilet hai..khayal rakhte hai aur kabhi kabhi khaana bhi khilate hai." She usually is in good health but suffers bouts of illness and the landlord take care of her when she falls sick. Goes to a private doctor who charges Rs.50/visit+medicines from chemists. Wants the government to provide for free medicines and ration card. |
| 58.     | Usha Dasi | 52  | Rangji Mandir, Patharpura       | Calcutta, West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | No          | 5 <sup>th</sup> | Widow          | 10 yrs             | Came to vrindavan 10 years back when both husband and son died in an accident. Has worked as sweeper in several temples and also goes to balaji bhajan ashram for pennance and some food, especially when the worshippers distribute donations. She refused to answer questions on health,residence and economic status.   |
| 59.     | Anar Devi | 60  | Kishorepura, Deep Chand's House | Vrindavan             | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | 5 <sup>th</sup> | Widow          | NA                 | Was born in Vrindavan and has worked as a cook and laborer in her younger years. She has two daughters, both of whom are married and both of them come to meet her every now and then. She earns her living by selling   |

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|         |               |     |                 |                 |                |         |             |       |                |                    | "dahi bhalla" and in times when such earnings are not enough, then she goes to Balaji bhajan ashram which provides her Rs. 2+cup of rice+pulses. She stays in rented accomodation which has the basic facilities of light, water and toilet and she seems to be content with what she has, albeit with an air of resignation. She recieves pension but complains that the pension does not come regularly. Her health needs are minor and are provided by the government doctor and the medical van that comes from Mathura. Generally nobody is there to take care but if one of the daughters gets news of her ill-health, then they come to look after her. Does not want much from the government but only wants them to provide for jobs for the economically challenged. |
| 60.     | Bhagwati Dasi | 70  | Sudama Dham     | Vrindavan       | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | NA                 | Bhagwati Dasi-The subject has 1 son and 2 daughters. Son lives in Benaras and is married, though not in touch as his wife does not approve. She lives with her daughters and they look after her. She earns money through bhajan ashrams and does not have the desire to earn more. She seems to be resigned to her fate and all her responses were non-committal and on the lines of - "itni umar ho gayi, so jo mile,kaafi hai." She is suffering ailments from old age and is looked after by the daughters and goes to a govt doctor and the medical van from Mathura. Does not want anything from the govt as she thinks that it doesnt care-"sarkaar se kya maange, agar sarkaar ko fikr hoti, toh kucch hota na." Does  |

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|         |                       |     |                                   |                       |                |         |             |       |                |                    | not envisage any kind of life for herself.-" bachi kuchi zindagi bina aur dikkat ke nikal jaye, bohot hai."  |
| 61.     | Reena Guha            | 65  | Mahila Ashraya Sadan, Gaura Nagar | Nagpur, Maharashtra   | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Married        | 4 yrs              | Came to Vrindavan with her mother-in-law to worprshp and decided to stay. Has 2 sons. Husband is not in touch. She earns her living through the bhajan ashrams and pension and says "Sanyasi ban ne aayi hun aur kuch nahi chahiye".   |
| 62.     | Saraswati Chakravarty | 65  | Mahila Ashray sadan, Gaura Nagar  | Shirda, West Bengal   | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 3 yrs              | Is a child widow and has only a brother as next of kin. Earns money through pension and bhajan ashrams. Was unwilling to answer rest of the questions.   |
| 63.     | Vimla Gaurace         | 70  | Pagal Baba Ashram, Patharpura     | Durgapur, West Bengal | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 25 yrs             | Has no next of kin except a married daughter. Husband has been dead since 25-26 years and has been living in vrindavan since then. Earns money through bhajan ashram and pension. Seems to be confused about the pension amount that is due to her and states it to be Rs. 900/6 months. Last three entries in the pass book shows the payment to be Rs. 900, 1800, 1800 on irregular gaps and she claims to have got Rs. 1400 instead of Rs. 1800 in the 2nd payment, and the rest she got complete payment. Has not recieved any pension since diwali. Seems to be scared and hesitant to talk about living conditions at the ashram, but states that they only get a room and nobody takes care otherwise. Healthwise, the doctor who visits them is pretty useless and she needs to have an eye operation, for which she will go to her daughter and take her money along. |

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| 64.     | Gauri Dasi   | 70  | Pagal Baba Ashram | Naudiya,<br>West Bengal | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 15 yrs             | Has no next of kin except a married daughter, with whom she meets every year or so. She has been living in the ashram for the past 10 years and earns her living by bhajan ashrams and cannot go regularly because of ill-health. The doctor comes regularly but the medicines do not have the desired effect and moreover, they are not referred to hospitals for any major ailments. She has a major eye problem and cannot see properly due to which she falls and hurts herself regularly, but nothing has been done about it by the doctor or the ashram. has asked for spectacles to be made, but to no avail. She states that the management of the ashram used to take money from the ladies as soon as it was in their hands, but now sometimes they don't. Also, she had to pay Rs. 300 to get pass book made, and now the entrants in the ashram are asked to pay Rs500 to get the same. |
| 65.     | Sushila Dasi | 76  | Pagal Baba Ashram | Bangao,<br>West Bengal  | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 5 yrs              | Has been a widow for the past 10 years and has 1 son and 4 daughters, all of whom are married. The son refused to take care of her and hence, she came to vrindavan. She has been living in the ashram since 5 yrs and yet no pass book has been given to her for the record of pension. Has received pension twice in 5 years - Rs. 1600&1800. She has the same problem as other ladies living in the ashram - that the medication provided by the doctor are wholly ineffective. She states that the earlier superintendent (Kusum Madam) and the current one (Anjana Goswami) both fleece  |

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|         |              |     |                   |                       |                |         |             |       |                |                    | money off pension accounts of ladies living in ashrams.  |
| 66.     | Savitri Dasi | 60  | Pagal Baba Ashram | Calcutta, West Bengal | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 3 yrs              | Pass book number is 2006 and the 1st payment is in the year 2005. There are certain discrepancies between payments and as well the age of the lady herself.  |
| 67.     | Manu Ghosh   | 60  | Pagal Baba Ashram | Calcutta, West Bengal | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 5 yrs              | Has no next of kin. Husband and all three children have expired over the years. Worked as a cook in CR Park, Delhi for several years in 10-12 households. Came to Vrindavan for worship and decided to settle here. Complains of joint pain, severe stomachache, severe headaches and states that the doctor comes twice a week, but the medicines are not at all effective. Got her pass book made at another ashram, and states that the superintendent - Anjana Goswami - fleeces money off almost every account and all the officials are in on it including the DM, DPO, officials in Rajiv Bhavan. States that the earlier superintendent used to fleece money as well, but used to do it openly and explain the accounts, and used to take care of the ladies but the present one does it arbitrarily and is a hard taskmaster. Watches television till 12.30 am and prohibits others barring a couple of other ladies to stay up for too long. |
| 68.     | Kunti Singh  | 68  | Pagal Baba Ashram | Dum dum, West Bengal  | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 3 yrs              | Has only one married daughter as next of kin. Worked as a nanny in Kolkata in different households. Has been living in the ashram for the past 3 years and has tumor which has started effecting her eyes and ears, and apart  |

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|         |            |     |                        |                 |                |         |             |       |                |                    | from this, complains of joint pains, severe headaches and states that the doctor does not help and she can't consult a local doctor as she has no money and the ashram does not refer to a hospital. Received her 1st pension in the year 2008 - Rs.3600 in the whole year. Alleges that she does not have her pass-book because it was sold off by the management of the ashram in the grey market which is booming in the city with the help of all the officials. States that the management takes her to the bank, makes her fill a form and put her thumb impression and that is how she has retrieved her pension. She says "I don't live with my daughter as she is married and how is it possible to stay in her parents-in-laws house". |
| 69.     | Revati Pal | 90  | Sushma Kunj Patharpura | West Bengal     | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 45 yrs             | Has been in vrindavan for the past 40-45 years and has worked in offices, households and has gone to bhajan ashrams to earn a living in the past years but is now too old to do either. She fell down the stairs and hurt her back and is now barely able to move about. Spends most of her pension money of medicines and does not have enough left for basic amenities. Goes to RK Mission Hospital, where they prescribe medicines, which provide only temporary relief. Too afraid to go to ashrams because she thinks that no one will take care of her there and the only reason she stays where she is right now is because the people around her house know her and provide her  |

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|         |                        |     |  |                       |                |         |             |       |                |                    | with food, shelter and sometimes clothes even. Has not paid rent for several months now, but used to pay regularly before, so the landlord is tolerant.  |
| 70.     | Reba Das               | 65  | Radha Kunj Patharpura                  | Calcutta, West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 12 yrs             | Has not stayed in any other ashram before this one and has been mainly staying on rent, usually in Gopi Nath Bazaar. Has been earning through bhajan ashrams and donations by worshippers. For medical services, goes to Kali Babu Hospital where they provide free medicines but its of little effect after a period of time as she is on medication all year around.   |
| 71.     | Suvarna Bala Choudhary | 65  | Radha Kunj                             | Calcutta, West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 7 yrs              | Has been living in this ashram since 7 months. Husband has been dead since 50 years and has 1 son who does not take care of her. Has been living on rent in Gyan Gudri 6 years prior to relocating to this ashram, and used to and still goes to bhajan ashrams to feed herself. Goes to RKM hospital because they provide free medicines. Has applied for pension and ration card several times, but the officers say that they don't understand the language (Bengali) and sometimes ask for bribes. |
| 72.     | Iti                    | 30  | House No 18, Gopinath Bazar, Vrindavan | West Bengal           | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 7 yrs              | Widowed 7 yrs ago. Stayed in pagal baba ashram for 5 -6 yrs. Couldn't stay anymore due to age restraint, young women(??) not allowed to stay there . Therefore left and now stays on rent. Name of the house owner is Krishna goswami. Has a 14 yr old girl. Studies in 7th class in a private school 'omkarnati'. Pays 170/- p.m as school fee, 500/- as rent, 250/- tuition fees.  |



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|         |                 |     |  |                         |                 |         |             |      |                |                    | Works for one Vishnu panditji for 2000/- . Morning 6-1:30pm and 6 p.m to 9 pm. School time of the child. 9-2 . then she leaves for tuition.  |
| 73.     | Geeta Sutradhar | 47  | Pagal Baba Ashram                                | Assam                   | Hindu           | Yes     | Yes         |      |                | 10 yrs             | Been 10 yrs in pagal baba ashram. Came alone with 400-500/. Does not go to bhajan ashram " kam kori ji poisa pau hai poisa. Bhajanashram najau. bikhya khujiboloi beya lage nohoi." ( I work for money I dont go to bhajanashram. i dont want to beg for money ) .8- 11:30 am she works in the joipuri mandir ,then 12-12:30 or 1:00 works(jharu pochha ) for an old gujrati doctor in his quarter in kali babu hospital (RK Mission). Gets 100/- p. m. Been working for 4yrs. Walks or commutes by rickshaw for 10/- . Claims that for the last three years the passbook has been with the supervisor. The ration is regular though not enough. Items such as tea leaves, cooking oil, salt, chillies etc have to be bought with money. |
| 74.     | Bijoli Mohota   | 55  | Street No 4, Behind Girdhari Mandir, Gaura Nagar | Vrindavan               | Hindu           | No      | No          |      | Widow          | NA                 | Stays with her son but comes to the bhajan ashram every day.s Her son works as a lbouner and is unable to provide her with food and care. She also does not get along with her daughter-in-law. Therefore goes from one bhajan ashram to another and earns her living. Would be grateful if provided pension.  |
| 75.     | Nina Mandal     |     | Bhut Gali, Paharpura                             | 24 Pargana, West Bengal | Hindu           | No      | No          |      | Widow          |                    | Owner :bijay Sharma.Rent :100/- .6 women in one house . "saabke gharwale hai , mera nahi hai.chawal jo milta hai . who bechke ghar ka bhara deti hoon. 1 kilo chawal ka 14-15/- milta hai. 2 saal se yah ahoon ,bhara mein.usse pehle  |

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|         |                   |     |  |                                 |                 |         |             |                  |                |                    | chandipur ,24 parghana .""baki saab ke card baan gaye hai , mera nahi bana.in august , she gave her name for ration card but nothing has happened.the place where she stays in good,but"pani ki kami hai"  |
| 76.     | Parul Sarkar      | 75  | Madan Mohan's House, Hari Mandir                 | Vardhaman, West Bengal          | Hindu           | No      | No          | Illit            | Widow          | 10 yrs             |  |
| 77.     | Vishakha Adhikari | 62  | Shyam Kutti, Behind Girdhari Mandir, Gaura Nagar | West Bengal                     | Hindu           | No      | No          | Illit            | Widow          | 30 yrs             | Came with her Guru Bhagwan Das Babu. Health good except for knee pain. Goes to Mathura Sewa Ashram on Wednesday for treatment  |
| 78.     | Deepali Dutta     | 55  | Mahila Ashray Sadan, Chaitnaya Vihar             | Bangladesh (then East Pakistan) | Hindu           | Yes     | Yes         | 10 <sup>th</sup> | Widow          |                    | Has been in the ashram for the last 2-3 years. Prior to this she used to live in Mayapuri Math in Bangal. Stayed in Calcutta with sister's daughter for many years then shifted to Mayapuri and from there came to Vrindavan. Was married at the age of 14. Husband left for Karachi and never returned while the son was killed in riots when he was 18yrs old. As a result she lost her mental balance. Someone in Mayapuri told her about Vrindavan so she caught a train and reached Vrindavan. For 2-3 days she was homeless then Jyoti (another house mate) saw her on the road and brought her to the home. She has a pension account but is mostly unaware of the money transactions, which her mates claim are handled by madam who sometimes doesn't give her anything. Her room mates say that she doesn't go to bhajan ashrams and doesn't eat unless someone is kind enough to give her something. The only |

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|         |                  |     |                   |                       |                |         |             |       |                |                    | thing she desires is to go back to Mayapuri. She has been ill often and has had her uterus removed at the RK Mission Hospital.   |
| 79.     | Binapani Pal     | 75  | Pagal Baba Ashram | Calcutta, West Bengal | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Married        |                    | Husband is unable to see and lives with their daughter in Calcutta. They have one son who has left home and become a sadhu. Daughter is unable to look after both the parents so she came to Vrindavan.  |
| 80.     | Rupashree Biswas | 70  | Pagal Baba Ashram | West Bengal           | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 40 yrs             | Is in the ashram for the last 10 years and says "jab se shuru hua hai tab se yahan pe hoon".   |
| 81.     | Menaka Dutta     | 70  | Pagal Baba Ashram | West Bengal           | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 11 yrs             | Is in the ashram for the last 3-4 years. She had one son who died and daughter-in-law is unable to keep her so she visits her once in a while. Claims that the pensions in the ashram are tempered with as a result she gets less money than is due to her.  |
| 82.     | Tunu Biswas      | 80  | Pagal Baba Ashram | West Bengal           | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 30 yrs             | No pension for 6-7 yrs. Bank khata madam ke paas hai   |
| 83.     | Urmilla Dasi     | 65  | Pagal Baba Ashram | West Bengal           | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | illit | Married        | 9 yrs              | 3 yrs in pagal baba ashram. Accordin to her "madam aur bank dono paisa kahte hai. "  |
| 84.     | Lalita Dashi     | 70  | Pagal Baba Ashram | West Bengal           | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 11 yrs             | She has been in the ashram for the last 4 years and says "my brother's son brought me to Vrindavan and told me to go to bhajan ashrams. He lives in Keshi Ghat and I visit him sometimes. At times I go to my brother's house in Bengal but mostly I earn my living through bhajan ashrams and stay in this place. I don't have the pass book as money is handled by the madam. I know once I got Rs1800 and once Rs1400". |

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| 85.     | Sharda Malik   | 85  | Pagal Baba Ashram | West Bengal     | Hindu           | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          |                    | Used to stay in bartala bari and paid 100/- rent.  |
| 86.     | Purnima Dasi   | 70  | Pagal Baba Ashram | West Bengal     | Hindu           | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 30 yrs             | Been 10 yrs in pagal baba ashram, Has 4 sons and one daughter. She says "I wanted to do bhajans so I have come here".  |
| 87.     | Bina           | 61  | Pagal Baba Ashram | West Bengal     | Hindu           | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 10 yrs             | She has 1 son and 1 daughter. She says "I came to Vrindavan because my son has money problems. He is a tailor but what he earns is not enough for his family. Here I earn my living and go to bhajan ashrams. Sometimes I speak with my son on the phone". |
| 88.     | Neela Biswas   | 80  | Pagal Baba Ashram | West Bengal     | Hindu           | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 10 yrs             | She has one son and says "I visit my son sometimes but am unable to stay with him as I do not get along with his wife".  |
| 89.     | Bhavani        | 70  | Pagal Baba Ashram | West Bengal     | Hindu           | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 12 yrs             | Her son died so she came to Vrindavan as she had no one to take care of her.   |
| 90.     | Radha Dasi     | 70  | Pagal Baba Ashram | West Bengal     | Hindu           | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 12 yrs             | She was widowed when she was 8 yrs old . She has no relatives. Says "I did not get any property or money so what options did I have".  |
| 91.     | Shanty Biswas  | 55  | Pagal Baba Ashram | West Bengal     | Hindu           | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          |                    | She says "my daughter got married so I have come here".  |
| 92.     | Bindu Dasi     | 70  | Pagal Baba Ashram | West Bengal     | Hindu           | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 10 yrs             | She has one daughter. Since she got married she came away to Vrindavan. She says "sometimes when I feel like it I visit my daughter".  |
| 93.     | Rani Rajashree | 72  | Pagal Baba Ashram | West Bengal     | Hindu           | Yes     | yes         | Illit | Widow          | 11 yrs             | She has been in the ashram for the last 10yrs and says "I feel like going for bhajans so I have been living here".   |

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| 94.     | Malti Rai           | 67  | Pagal Baba Ashram | Bankura, West Bengal    | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 4 yrs              | She says "My son and daughter have refused to take care of me so I decided to come here. I came on my own".  |
| 95.     | Sandhya Chakarvarti | 70  | Pagal Baba Ashram | West Bengal             | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          |                    | She says "I like to go for bhajans and spend my time in devotion so I am here".  |
| 96.     | Uma Sinha           | 70  | Pagal Baba Ashram | Pilibhit, U.P.          | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Married        | 30 yrs             | She has been in the ashram for the last 4 years and says "My husband lives in Bijnaur. He took another wife and I had no option but to leave and fend for myself. I lived with my brother for a long time and then came here".   |
| 97.     | Sushila Dasi        | 70  | Pagal Baba Ashram | 24 Pargana, West Bengal | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          |                    | She says "I have been in the ashram for 5 years. I have one son and one daughter but I prefer to live here. I visit them once in a while".   |
| 98.     | Gauri Dasi          | 70  | Pagal Baba Ashram | Naudiya, West Bengal    | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 15 yrs             | She has one son whom she visits once a year.   |
| 99.     | Gyanodya Dasi       | 75  | Pagal Baba Ashram | Bangladesh              | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 30 yrs             | She says "my sister has her own family in Bengal. I visit her at times but she doesn't care for me".   |
| 100.    | Mahamaya Sarkar     | 80  | Pagal Baba Ashram | Vardhman, West Bengal   | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 12 yrs             | She says " I came here to do bhajans. My children visit me and sometimes I go to them. I get Rs1800 as pension and earn Rs6 per day by going to the bhajan ashrams. In addition I get clothes, blankets etc. I told my children to not send money for me as I can earn for my living". |
| 101.    | Pushpa Dasi         | 70  | Pagal baba Ashram | Malda                   | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 11 yrs             | She says " after I became a widow I came to Vrindavan. I had heard about the place from local people. I have one daughter but its not possible to live with the daughter. She does not visit me".  |

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| 102.    | Rumani Bala Mandal | 70  | Pagal Baba Ashram         | 24 Pargana, West Bengal | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 40 yrs             |  |
| 103.    | Krishna Dasi       | 72  | Pagal Baba Ashram         | Assam                   | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Married        |                    | She says "I don't have anyone. I was married very young and my husband got married again. I came to Vrindavan and have been in the ashram for the last 3 years".   |
| 104.    | Jamuna Das         | 70  | Hara Bari, Gopinath Bazar |                         |                |         |             |       |                |                    | son and daughter took away property . Lives in rents pays 200/-  |
| 105.    |                    |     |                           |                         |                |         |             |       |                |                    | When asked about her pension , she says "eto dine paye na. 2 baar paie 1800/- . "(all these days didn't get any . Got 1800/- twice).pas book is with madam . For money she says" bhajan karti hai,kabhi kabhi seth log dete hai.   |
| 106.    |                    |     |                           |                         |                |         |             |       |                |                    | originally from east pakisthan . Stayed in kanpur for 29 yrs. Doesnot understand or speak hindi.been three yrs in vrindavan.then stayed in amarbari . Been 6 mths in ma dham.she has three sons.but they donot give hre food. He works as mason. The others do not work. No one comes to visit her. She does not receive pension or has a ration card. She gave her name whie in amarbari but has not received it yet. 5 mais stay in one room in ma dham. |
| 107.    | Lalita Dasi        | 70  | Radha Colony, Vrindavan   | Purulia, West Bengal    | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Married        | 5 yrs              | Husband begs in the streets and I go to the bhajan ashrams. These are the means of earning our livelihood. Husband is constantly sick and there is little option but to live like this. We live in a rented accommodation that is nothing but a mud and thatch hovel with no other assets to our name.   |

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| 108.    | Alka Dasi            | 75  | Brijwasi, Durgabadi Mode, Radha Kunj | Malda                 | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit            | Married        | 16 yrs             | We are very poor so I came here alone and I have never gone back. Even here there is no one to ask after me. If I fall ill then there is no one to offer a glass of water. Only Radha Rani is my saviour. I beg and use the money for food and rent. There is no electricity or running water in the place I live. Every day is a death but Radha Rani has decided to keep me alive so I live. I want to live in peace and spend my life as a devotee of Radha Rani. |
| 109.    | Triloka Dasi         | 70  | Gopinath Mandir                      | Bengal                | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit            | Widow          | 4 yrs              | I faced a lot of anguish in my family so I came here and have not gone back. I beg and live in the temple. I pay rent for a small room with no electricity. I sleep on a piece of jute sack on the floor. I spent Rs120 on my illness but there is no relief because I am very old. I only hope that the government will give me a place to die with dignity.  |
| 110.    | Bhakti Dasi          | 65  | Radha Kunj                           | Mednapur              | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit            | Widow          | 10 yrs             | I came alone in the hope of devoting myself to prayers. I keep meeting my family when they come here for darshan but I never visit them. I go to the bhajan ashrams and that is how I earn my living – pay rent and get food. The room I stay in is dilapidated and has no electricity or water. I pray that when I fall ill I don't face a long suffering, that is all. If I get some money may be life will get a bit better.                                      |
| 111.    | Neelima Chakarvarthy | 50  | Raju Pandar's House                  | Calcutta, West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | No          | 10 <sup>th</sup> | Married        | 3 yrs              | We came here for darshan and decided to stay. My husband works in a shop and we live in a rented room. We get water but no electricity. I go to the bhajan ashrams because   |

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|         |               |     |  |                 |                |         |             |                 |                |                    | the earning is not enough. Our children are back in Calcutta. In times of ill health we go to the Government Hospital because it is free but I know that for long illness we don't have the means to seek health care.  |
| 112.    | Hari Dasi     | 70  | Gopinath Ghera, Durgabari, Radha Kunj    | Mednapur        | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit           | Widow          | 10 yrs             | I don't have anyone in my family so I came here. I go to the bhajan ashrams and stay in rented room with no electricity or water. If I fall sick there is no one to take care of me. As long as I am able to I do all my work. I hope that I will get a place to stay and food or some money to get both. |
| 113.    | Kushal Bala   | 80  | Atul Mistri Brijwasi's house, Radha Kunj | Malda           | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit           | Widow          | 2 yrs              | I don't have anyone in my family so I came here. I go for bhajan and use the money for food and rent.   |
| 114.    | Subhadra Dasi | 70  | Gopinath Mandir                          | Calcutta        | Hindu          | No      | No          | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Widow          | 5 yrs              | Husband died and my son became a saadhu so I came here. I live here alone and since there is no one in my family I have nowhere to go. I live on the earnings from bhajan, if I fall ill I go to the government doctor. I want to live the rest of my life singing bhajans.                               |
| 115.    | Moni Dasi     | 70  | Radha Kunj                               | Calcutta        | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit           | Widow          | 12 yrs             | There is no one in my family so I came here. I live in a room for which the rent is too high. I can't afford it on my bhajan earnings and there is no water or electricity. I often stay unwell and it is very tough.   |
| 116.    | Charubala Pal | 70  | Radha kunj                               | West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit           | Widow          | 5 yrs              | My son and daughter-in-law used to ill treat me (didn't give food) so I left them and came here. Once I went to visit them but never again. I go to the bhajan ashrams here and what ever I get is used for my living – pay rent  |



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|         |                 |     |                        |                 |                |         |             |                  |                |                    | and get food. Its very difficult at times and a little monetary help would be of great help.   |
| 117.    | Chintamoni Dasi | 55  | Radha Kunj             | West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit            | Widow          | 5 yrs              | I don't like to live with my husband and children so I left it. Here I go to bhajan ashrams and earn my living. I pay rent and eat the food I get. In times of illness it's a problem but this is my life.   |
| 118.    | Shefali Dasi    | 52  | Radha Kunj             | West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | No          | 10 <sup>th</sup> | Married        | 12 yrs             | My husband got married again so I came here with my Guruji. I speak to my family and once in two years my husband also visits me but I don't miss my earlier life. I go for bhajans, pay rent from the money I earn and live my own life. I want to continue with this life and pray that Radha Rani will make it possible. I don't receive any money from home and in times of illness I get my treatment from a nearby doctor. So far I am able to manage.         |
| 119.    | Kamla Bai       | 60  | Chaitnaya Vihar Ashram | Sham Pur        | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit            | Widow          | 2 yrs              | Came here for darshan with my family once and then when my husband died I decided to settle here. I speak to my children but have no desire to go back. I like living here and this is my home. The madam here is good and I have a place to live. Once when I fell sick I went back home for treatment because I didn't get any relief from the treatment here. Now I only desire to live in peace and continue with my prayers. This is all there is in this life. |
| 120.    | Renuka Dasi     | 55  | Radha Kunj             | West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit            | Married        | 5 yrs              | I came here with my husband and still live with him here. He is ill and unable to work. So our life is dependent on what I can get from the bhajan ashrams. I pay the rent and get food  |

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|         |                    |     |                 |                 |                |         |             |                 |                |                    | from whatever money I get. We also need to buy medicines so if the government can help us we will be able to live decently.   |
| 121.    | Pushpa Dasi        | 60  | Radha Kunj      | West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit           | Widow          | 2 yrs              | I came here with my husband and still live with him here. He is ill and unable to work. So our life is dependent on what I can get from the bhajan ashrams. I pay the rent and get food from whatever money I get.  |
| 122.    | Sarojini Mukherjee | 70  | Radha kunj      | West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit           | Widow          | 4 yrs              | Came here with my family once and when my husband died I decided to come back here. I still speak with my children but have no desire to go back. I go to bhajan ashrams and live my life of devotion.  |
| 123.    | Shantibala Dasi    | 68  | Radha Kunj      | West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit           | Widow          | 2 yrs              | Came here with my family once and when my husband died I decided to come back here. I still speak with my children but have no desire to go back. I go to bhajan ashrams and live my life of devotion.  |
| 124.    | Girdhari Dasi      | 70  | Radha Kunj      | West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit           | Widow          | 4 yrs              | Came here with my family once and when my husband died I decided to come back here. I still speak with my children but have no desire to go back. I go to bhajan ashrams and live my life of devotion.  |
| 125.    | Sushila            | 55  | Andheri Kunj    | Malda           | Hindu          | No      | No          | 7 <sup>th</sup> | Married        | 10 yrs             | Came here for bhajans once with my family. I didn't like the fact that everyone at home ate fish so I came here with Guruji. I speak to them on phone and they visit me when they come for darshan but I don't like going back. Now I do bhajans, pay rent and get my own food. I pray that I stay healthy and am able to support myself. |

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| 126.    | Jagati Dasi | 55  | Radha kunj                                | West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Married        | 1 yr               | I came here with my husband because there is no work in my village. Now my husband is not able to work as he suffers from asthma. My house runs on the money I get from bhajan ashrams. I believe Radha Rani provides for us.   |
| 127.    | Dulali Dasi | 58  | Atul Mistri's House, Brijwasi, Radha Kunj | Malda           | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Unmarried      | 1 yr               | There is no one in my family so I came here with my mother. We live together, go for bhajans and earn our living. We pay rent and have a room with electricity and water. We are managing our lives and want to continue with the bhajans.  |
| 128.    | Kamla Dasi  | 78  | Radha Kunj                                | West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 20 yrs             | Back home my son did not take care of me here Radha Rani takes care. I live alone and do bhajans. I don't speak to my family and neither do I visit them. I like my life of devotion, pay rent, eat what I get and am content.  |
| 129.    | Brijlata    | 35  | Mathura                                   | Vrindavan       | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          |                    | Working in a household in Mathura and earning Rs. 1000/- per month. She has four children but only one stays with her. Her husband was a rikshapuller who died 10 years back. Since then she is taking care of her family.  |
| 130.    | Manju       | 65  | Vrindavan                                 | West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | Illit | Married        | 13 yrs             | She owns a house in Vrindavan. She left her husband as he remarried and came here with 4 kids. She is still working in households and ashrams and earning a living for herself and her family. She has never gone back to her husband even once and does not plan to do so in future. she is right now living with her children and needs more money to have a better life. |

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| 131.    | Basanti Sarkar | 70  | Pagal Baba Ashram | West Bengal              | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 3 yrs              | Has been in the ashram for three years. Suffers from pain in the joints but is unaware of the doctor who comes to the ashram. She has grand children but they don't visit her. Pension is received in a bank account but the pass book is with the madam.   |
| 132.    | Jaymala Mandal | 60  | Pagal Baba Ashram | West Bengal              | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 2 yrs              | She came to Vrindavan out of her free will after her children got married and got busy in their married lives. She has not gone back since then and has no other contact even. She gets money from the bhajan ashram and manages her life in that money.  |
| 133.    | Jayanti        | 46  | Pagal Baba Ashram | Madhya Pradesh           | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 24 yrs             | She used to work earlier with tatababa mandir and used to earn Rs. 300/- per month. She does not work now as she is suffering from blood cancer and keeps going back to her brothers for her medicines.   |
| 134.    | Lokhi Haldar   | 85  | Pagal baba Ashram | West Bengal              | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 10 yrs             | She says that she has not received any pension since she came to live in the ashram. She is living on the food distributed in the bhajan ashram. She does not have her pass book, her thumb impression is taken whenever her pension is received by the bank and the money is taken by the madam. She also said that she has been beaten up quite a number of times in the ashram for asking about her pension. |
| 135.    | Savitri Biswas | 70  | Keshi Ghat        | Murshidabad, West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 40 yrs             | Has 2 daughters and 1 son. All the children are settled and live their own lives. She lives in rented accommodation of Rs200p.m.  |

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| 136.    | Kamla Devi                     | 70       | Keshi Ghat      | Murshidabad, West Bengal | Hindu          | Gets Rs. 200 as pension from Paani Ghat | Yes         | Illit                    | Widow          | 30 yrs             | Has 2 daughters and 1 son. Goes to Patharpura Bhajan Ashram and earns Rs6 per day. Uses the money to pay rent of Rs200pm.   |
| 137.    | Indubala Mondal                | 70       | Keshi Ghat      | Murshidabad, West Bengal | Hindu          | Yes                                     | Yes         | Illit                    | Widow          | 30 yrs             | Has 3 daughters and 3 sons. Lives in rented quarters of Rs200pm. Says "all my children live their own lives. They are unable to take care of me. Here in Vrindavan I am able to get a pension and food to eat".   |
| 138.    | Aaduri                         | 55       | Keshi Ghat      | Murshidabad, West Bengal | Hindu          | No                                      | No          | Illit                    | Widow          | 8 yrs              | Has 1 son and 2 daughters. Lives in rented accommodation of Rs200pm. Earns Rs6 per day at bhajan ashram and pays for rent and food.   |
| 139.    | Putul Majumdar<br>Iti Majumdar | 65<br>30 | Keshi Ghat      | West Bengal              | Hindu          | Yes<br>No                               | Yes         | Illit<br>5 <sup>th</sup> | Widow<br>Widow | 18 yrs             | Putul's husband died when Iti was 15 years old so she came to Vrindavan with her daughter. Daughter was married in Vrindavan to a vegetable vendor who died 5yrs ago. Now both mother and daughter live together. Iti has a 14yr old daughter who studies in class7. She wants to be a teacher when she grows up. Iti does not get a pension and works as cook and maid for Rs1500pm. They pay a rent of Rs500 pm.<br>Iti says "its very hard but I wish to educate my daughter. I learnt block printing work for 6 months at Pagal Baba Ashram. There were plans for income generation and marketing but nothing came of it and the program was terminated". |

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| 140.    | Laxmi         | 50  | Sonar Gorang Mandir, Gopal Bagh, Gopinath Bazar | West Bengal            | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | 10 <sup>th</sup> | Unmarried      | 28 yrs             | Laxmi's mother dies when she was 8mths old and father died when she was 5yrs. She had 1 elder brother and 4 elder sisters. It was very difficult to get all the girls married so she was brought to Vrindavan by her Guruji and whose mandir she lives – cooking and cleaning for him. She goes home to visit her sisters but believes that her life is in Vrindavan. She is very matter of fact about her life and says "I remain unmarried. The government has no support programme for unmarried women so I call myself a widow; atleast I get a pension. I am telling you this and quite possibly my pension will be revoked. I hope you will not let that happen". |
| 141.    | Jog Maya Dasi | 70  | Mira Dasi ki Badi, Brahmkund, Vrindavan         | West Bengal            | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit            | Widow          | 40 yrs             | Jog Mai earns her living through begging at Damodar Mandir in Gopinath Bazar. She gets a pension which she says she got by paying a bribe of Rs500. She is very old and prone to swelling and pain in the legs and back. She had gone to Chaitanya Vihar for a while but left. She says "the women fight too much and I could not bear it. I like my peace and calm". She pays a rent of Rs300 per month.   |
| 142.    | Pushpa Dasi   | 65  | Kanu Radha Dharamshala, Bhajan Ashram           | Balurghat, West Bengal | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit            | Widow          | 13 yrs             | The subject came to Vrindavan 13 years back after her husband expired. She bore 3 children, 2 daughters and 1 son with him. 1 of the daughter is married in Bihar and the remaining kids have also expired due to accident and disease. When she came to vrindavan, she tried to work at different places but found it to be tough. She has mainly  |

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|         |              |     |                       |                       |                |         |             |       |                |                    | sustained herself through bhajan ashrams and the pension she receives. She sells money (loose change) to the worshippers looking to donate the same to the beggars outside Nidhuvan@80p/Re. According to her, the place where she stays is in a deplorable condition and the place is barely fit for humans. Her medical needs are not much and whatever little problems she has, she goes to RK Mission Hospital for them.   |
| 143.    | Purnima Das  | 70  | Keshi Ghat, Vrindavan | Kolkatta, West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 17 yrs             | The subject came to Vrindavan 17 years back when her husband and son kicked her out of the house back home. She has been staying on rent ever since then and is paying Rs. 200 per month. She is too old to go and attend bhajan ashrams and sustains herself only through begging and donations. According to her, it is enough to sustain herself and it is very rare that she doesn't have money to sustain herself. The accommodation that she stays in does not have light, water or toilet. She has been trying to arrange for a ration card and to apply for pension, but is not literate and has not been able to do much about it. Health concerns are related to old age - eyes, joints, etc... goes to Kali Baba Hospital for treatment where they provide free consultations and medicines. |
| 144.    | Anita Sarkar | 80  | Cheelghat, Vrindavan  | Kolkatta, West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 15 yrs             | The subject came to Vrindavan 15 years back and at the time of death of her husband. The whole was poor and the only son is not earning anything and can hardly sustain his   |

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|         |               |     |                                      |                        |                |         |             |       |                |                    | own family,so she came to vrindavan. She stays in a rented accomodation which is merely a room with no facilities whatsoever and pays Rs. 100/month for it. She goes to Kali Baba Hospital for her medical needs, which arent much. Sustains herself mostly through begging and bhajan ashram at patharpura   |
| 145.    | Karuna Mandal | 70  | Cheelghat, Vrindavan                 | Sundarban, West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Married        | 8 yrs              | The subject came to vrindavan 8 years back and is currently living with her husband and daughter in rented accomodation@Rs.200/month. Has 6 other daughters who have been married off and one son who lives and earns a little in Bengal. The husband currently is Bengal getting his eye operated. The subject sustains herself mainly through begging and bhajan ashrams and says donations are most helpful in the process. Goes to Kali Baba Hospital and says medicines are effective. Says that few people came and asked for details to get ration card made, but never came back nor informed them of anything. |
| 146.    | Neela Mandal  | 25  | Cheelghat                            | Sundarban West Bengal  | Hindu          | NA      | No          | Illit | Unmarried      | 2 yrs              | The subject is the daughter of the lady above - Karuna Mandal - The subject came two years back at the instance of her parents. She is still unmarried because she has a problem in her left eye. She goes to Kali Baba Hospital for the same.  |
| 147.    | Tunu Bala     | 50  | Hara Badi, Gopinath Bzara, Vrindavan | Sundarban West Bengal  | Hindu          | NA      | No          | Illit | Married        | 4 yrs              | The subject came to vrindavan about 4-5 years back and pays rent@Rs.200/month. The subject is living with her husband and shifted here after getting their 3 daughters married in their home state. The primary reason of coming  |



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|         |            |     |                            |                        |                |         |             |       |                |                    | here was that they don't own any property back home and neither of them were able to sustain themselves. Here, she goes to bhajan ashrams and mostly begs to get by. For medical needs, she goes to a private doctor who charges Rs. 50-60/visit+medicines.  |
| 148.    | Sahama Das | 56  | Gopinath Bazar, Patharpura | Karim Pur, West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 4 yrs              | The subject came to vrindavan 4 years back. She has 3 daughters and one son who are all married. All children either don't care or they are too poor to care for her, so she came to vrindavan after listening to stories of ladies how life is better here. She pays rent@Rs.300/month and the place where she stays has water,but no light. For medical needs, she goes to a avurvedic 'doctor', a baba. Has applied for ration card, but says it is tough to get it as landlords dont allow tenants to stay more than 6 months and hence she doesnt have a permanent address. |
| 149.    | Munni Das  | 70  | Mandir Marg, Barsana       | Kolkatta, West Bengal  | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 10 yrs             | The subject came to barsana 10 years back along with a couple of other widows. The subject has 2 daughters who are married and had a son who died due to illness. She has sustained herself in the past by sweeping temple floors and cleaning utensils, but currently sustains herself only by way of begging and donations that come through worshippers. She goes to Rangeeli Mahal Clinic for her medical needs which is mostly related to her eyes and she does not pay a single penny for it. She stays in a small temple which is of size of a room.                      |

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| 150.    | Beenu Devi Das    | 40  | Phul Gali, Barsana      | Kolkatta, West Bengal | Hindu          | NA      | No          | Illit | Married        | 5 yrs              | The subject came to barsana 5 years back due to lack of employment and oppotrny in the home state. Lives with her husband but 1 son and daughter live with brother-in-law in the home state as he is better off than them and agrees only to sustain the kids. She feels the need to be with her kids, but cannot afford to sustain them. She sustains herself only through the sole bhajan ashram which provides for Rs.2.5+200g rice+50g pulse/ session. For her medical needs, she goes to the Rangeeli Mahal Clinic and it is completely free of charge. She says she recieved wrong treatment for typhoid in her home state which affected her heart, making it weak and thats the reason she cannot work. |
| 151.    | Vishnu Priya Dasi | 60  | Kishori Ashram, Barsana | Kolkatta, West Bengal | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | B.Sc  | Widow          | 15 yrs             | The subject came to barsana 15 years back after becoming a devotee of Guru Sri Shyam Sunder Das. The subject used to be a science teacher in the home state and was never inclined spiritually or religiously until she met her Guru. She has a daughter who is now married. She earns cash mainly through donations and pension, but says that she does not need cash as she has almost renounced the world. For her medication, the religion she follows does not allow for allopathic medicines, so she gets herself treated through homeopathy. When asked what she wants from the government, she replied that the Government should provide women with safe places to reside in.                          |

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| 152.    | Sudha Dasi  | 60  | Krishna Bagh,<br>Rangeeli Gali,<br>Barsana  | Kolkatta,<br>West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | No          | 3rd   | Widow          | 10 yrs             | The subject came to barsana 10 years back because she has no family whatsoever and came when her husband expired. Owned no property back home,came here to worship and stayed here for good. She stays at Gosai's house but does not pay rent, but has no facilities,only four walls. She sustains herself by going to bhajan ashrams and begging. For her medical needs, she needs treatment for joint pains, eye problem for which she goes to Samudhaya Hosptal(Govt) and Radha Manav Hospital(Pvt.) respectively. Got her eyes operated at Radha Manav completely free of cost and all other medical needs are also met free of charge at both hospitals.           |
| 153.    | Pushpa Dasi | 50  | Gobardhan Road,<br>Astha Colony,<br>Barsana | Puliya,<br>West Bengal   | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 20 yrs             | The subject came to barsana 20 years back with her family - husband and son. Husband expired 10 years back due to illness and son lives with her and is a teacher in the local school. She has previously sustained herself by working as a laborer and currently sustains herself by way of bhajan ashram and the income of the son. She stays in rented accomodation and has the basic facilities of light,water and toilet available to her. For her medical needs, she needs treatment for severe headaches, hearing problem and stomach infection. She gets her treatment from the local government hospital which charges only Re 1 for visitation and medicines. |
| 154.    | Punna Dasi  | 75  | Jaat Mohalla,<br>Barsana                    | Vrindavan                | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | NA                 | The subject was born here and has one daughter who is married in meerut. The subject  |

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|         |               |     |                       |                       |                |         |             |       |                |                    | has been living in pitiful conditions since a while now. Has to sustain herself only through begging and its not enough. She has sustained herself in her younger days through farming and peasantry, but now she is too old for it. She recieves pension but erratically and doubts the bank personnel and says that the bank people ask for about Rs. 2000-3000 for issuing of pass-books and opening of accounts. She goes to Rangeeli Mahal and Radha Manav Hospitals for treatment of joint pains and eye problems.  |
| 155.    | Pushpa Beragi | 75  | Keshi Ghat, Vrindavan | Orissa                | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 12 yrs             | Ek hi beta hai,kitno ko khana deta who, isliye wahan se thak ke yahan aa gayi. Kabhi paanch saal mein ek baar wapas jati hu bachho se milne. Bus ab yahi rehti hu, bhajan karti hu, jo paise wahan se milte hai ussi se bhada bharti hu aur khana bhi khati hu. Bimari ke samay private doctor ko dikhati hu jo paise leta hai.   |
| 156.    | Menka Dasi    | 65  | Keshi Ghat            | Majlipur, West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 17 yrs             | Do bete hai mere, ek des mein hai aur ek mere saath hai. Jo beta mere sath rehta hai who pagal hai, pehle theek tha par ek injection ke reaction se dimag par asar ho gaya aur who pagal ho gaya isliye kuj nahi kamata. Bus main bheek mangti hu aur bhajan karti hu aur unhi paise se khud ko aur bete ko khana khilati hu aur 600 rupye kiraye deti hu ek kamre ka jisme paanch log milke rehte hai. Desh gaye 15-20 saal ho gaye, wahan pe ab kuch hai hi nahi to kisliye jaau. Bimari ke samay yahi kali babu hospital jati hu, ladke ka ilaj bhi wahan se kara rahi hu. |

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| 157.    | Basanti Mandal | 60  | Dharamshala, Nidhivan, Vrindavan    | Sundarban West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Married        | 10 yrs             | Hum pati-patni yahan rehte hai,bachhe sab desh mein hi chod aaye. Desh mein kuch nahi hai,na koi khet na koi zameen. Jab se aaye hai tab se bus ek baar hi wapas gaye hai,uske baad kabhi nahi gaye aur nahi koi baat hoti hai. Yahan par hum dono bheek mangte hai aur main bhajan ashram bhi jati hu jisse hum 300 rupye ka bhada dete hai aur khana khate hai.Bimari ke samay kisi ko bhi dikha lete hai,jo bhi doctor paise na le. |
| 158.    | Parvati        | 60  | No fixed address, found at Nidhivan | West Bengal           | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 12 yrs             | Beti ki shadi ho gayi,ghar mein aur koi tha nahi,akeli kya karti isliye yahan par aa gayi. The subject does not have a house, people around her keep her in their house. She is suffering from some problem in the brain, she does not remember much about herself. She does not talk as she cannot hear properly. She begs and has food from that money. Anybody and everybody takes care of her.                                     |
| 159.    | Asha Rai       | 65  | Sri Ghat                            | Naudiya West Bengal   | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Married        | 6 yrs              | Sab bachho ki shadi ho gayi isliye unke saath nahi rehte. Hum dono yahin par ehte hai aur ek dusre ka dhyan rakhte hai. Bhajan ashram bhi jaati hu main aur usse 100 ruppe ka bhada bharti hu. Do saal mein ek baar kabhi desh chale jate hai bachho se milne. Bimari ke samay private doctor ko dikhte hai jo 10-12 ruppe le leta hai.  |
| 160.    | Renu Rai       | 75  | Gopeshwar Bazar                     | West Bengal           | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 4 yrs              | Ghar mein koi hai hi nahi to wahan reh ke kya karti, isliye yahan aa gayi. Yahan bhajan ashram jati hu,aur wahi se paise jo milte hai usse kaam chalati hu,100 ruppe ka bhada bharti hu.   |

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|         |                 |     |                            |                 |                |         |             |       |                |                    | Bimari ke samay sarkari hospital mein dikhati hu jahan par paisa nahi lagta.  |
| 161.    | Minati Dasi     | 60  | Maheshpuri,<br>Patharpura  | West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 12 yrs             | Ghar mein koi nahi tha,akeli reh gayi thi,isliye yahan aa gayi. Yahan par khane ko milta hai,bhajan karne ko milta hai aur thoda paisa bhi milta hai. Yahan pe main 400 rupye kiraya bharti hu aur akeli rehti hu aur apna dhyan khud hi rakhti hu. Bimari ke samay kali babu mein dikhati hu.  |
| 162.    | Jyotsana Mandal | 45  | Khurma Kunj,<br>Patharpura | West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Married        | 15 yrs             | Admi ne dusra shadi kar liya,maine tab usse chod diya aur apni maa ke paas yahan vrindavan aa gayi. Ab yahin par maa ke saathh rehti hu aur done bheek maang kar apna guzara karte hai. Jiske ghar mein rehe hai uske ghar ka saara kaam kar dete hai, isliye woh humse bhada nahi leti. Bhajan karne nahi jati main,bus maa ke saath yahi baith jati hu. |
| 163.    | Bhagyawala Dasi | 65  | Khurma Kunj,<br>Patharpura | West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 15 yrs             | Beto ki shadi ke baad who log mujhe rakhte nahi the,kya karti yahin par aa gayi. Yahan par main bhajan ashram jati hu aur bheek maang kar apna kaam chalati hu. Bimar rehti hu to kali babu mein dikhati hu.  |
| 164.    | Shefali         | 65  | Sri Ghat                   | West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | Illit | Married        | 15 yrs             | Beti ki shadi yahin vrindavan mein kar di thi, isliye yahin par reh gaye. Hum dono pati-patni 160 rupye ke bhade par yahan rehte hai aur beti se milte rehte hai. Hum dono yahin par bheek mangte hai aur ghar chalte hai. Bhajan ashram nai jati main kyunki mera haath tuta hua hai. Iske liye main kisi bhi doctor ko dikha det hu.                    |

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| 165.    | Giri Bala | 60  | Laxman Das Mahant,<br>House No 19,<br>Kopasia Ghera,<br>Keshi Ghat | West Bengal              | Hindu           | No      | Yes         | Illit | Married        | 20 yrs             | Humara pariwar yahin par rehta hai jisme hum patni-pati aur humara beta hai. Hum log Bangladesh se bhag aaye the jab wahan ladai shuru ho gayi thi.tab se yahi rehte hai. Bete ki humare tabiyat theek nahi rehti isliye who koi kaam nahi kar pata hai,usko saans ki bimari hai,uska illaj kali babu hospital se kara rahe hai. Saara paisa humein hi kamana padta hai,isliye yahan bheek mangte hai jisse khana kha sake.           |
| 166.    | Budhu     | 60  | Moti Jheel,<br>Hanuman Tila  | Fatehpur<br>Sikri, U.P.  | Hindu           | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 25 yrs             | Meri bus ek hi ladki thi jiski shadi ho gayi,phir wahan akeli Iya karti. Vaise main wahan par kaam karti thi kheti-baadi ka par who koi apni zameen thode na thi ki wahi reh jati. Ab main yahan par rehti hu aur halwai ki dukan par puri belne ka kaam karti hu,bhajan ashram bhi jati hu jisse mujhe thode aur paise mil jate hai. B ete se milne jaati hu aur woh bhi mujhse milne aati hai. Ghar mein pani-bijli kuch nahi aata. |
| 167.    | Kela Devi | 60  | Near Fogla Ashram,<br>Raman Reti,<br>Vrindavan                     | Aligarh, U.P.            | Hindu           | No      | No          | Illit | Married        | 25 yrs             | Hum pura pariwar hi vrindavan aa gaye the 25 saal pehle. Yahan par kaam ki talash mein aaye the. Ab yahan 750 rupye kiraye par rehte hai. Mere pati yahan riksha chalte hai aur main bhajan ashram aati hu,bachhe mere school jaate hai. Ghar mein bijli-pani aata hai. Bimar hone par jyadatar kali babu mein hi dikhte hai par agar haath mein thode paise ho to private doctor ko bhi dikha lete hai.                              |
| 168.    | Ram Pyari | 65  | Hanuman Tila   | Bilaspur,<br>Chattisgarh | Hindu           | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 2 yrs              | Pati ne dobara shadi kar li aur mere teen bachhe bhi mar gaye,phir main wahan reh kar kya karti,yahin par aa gayi bhajan karne ke liye.   |

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|         |               |     |                 |                          |                |         |             |       |                |                    | Ab yahin par bhajan karke apna khana aur bhada bharti hu. Desh nahi gayi jab se aayi hu,kiske paas jaungi,koi hai hi nahi ghar mein ab. Ghar mein bijli aati hai par pani bahar se bhar kar lana padta hai.   |
| 169.    | Bharti Mandal | 55  | Saroj Ghat      | Murshidabad, West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Married        | 24 yrs             | Desh mein koi kaam karne ko nahi tha mere pati ke liye,yahan par kaam karne ko aa gaye. Pati yahan par painter ka kaam karte hai aur main bhajan ashram aa jati hu. Jitna kamate hai usme se 600 rupye hum bhada bharte hai,phir khane ka paisa,dudh bhi chahiye,boot kharcha hota hai. Desh jaate hai,beti ki shadi wahin par ki hai na,usse milne chale jaate hai.Ghar mein pani-bijli sab aata hai. Bimari ke samay private doctor ko hi dikhte hai jo kabhi 50 to kabhi 100 rupye le hi leta hai. |
| 170.    | Kiran         | 35  | Thakur Kamra    | Bihar                    | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Married        | 5 yrs              | Pati dekh nahi sakte hai par bansuri aur tabla bajate hai ras lila mein. Yahna par phir bhi thoda kaam karke ke hum kama lete hai,desh mein to ko bansuri-tabla bajane ko bolta hi nahi hai. 3 ladki hai meri jisme se do mere saath rehti hai aur ek wahi desh mein rehti hai,ladki school jati hai. Pati ki kamai se har mahine 800 ruppe ka bhada jata hai jisme humein pani-bijli mil jat ahai.M ain bhajan ashram aati hu jisse thode paise ho jate hai.   |
| 171.    | Kapuri        | 70  | Tara Ka Makan   | Sitamgarh Kushwaha       | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 1 yr               | Ghar mein koi hai hi nahi to wahan reh ke kya karti, isliye yahan aa gayi. Yahan bhajan ashram jati hu,aur wahi se paise jo milte hai usse kaam chalati hu,100 ruppe ka bhada bharti hu. Bimari ke samay sarkari hospital mein dikhati hu jahan par paisa nahi lagta.   |



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| 172.    | Lolita       | 70  | Keshav Pura          | Malda                   | Hindu          | No      | No          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Widow          | 12 yrs             | Lala-lalai ke saath rehna nahi chahti thi, achha nahi lagta tha, islye yahan aa gayi. Unse milne do saal mein ek baar chali jati hu par who nahi aate. Yahan par apni behen ke saath rehti hu aur 300 rupye milke bhada bharti hu. Paisa bus bhajan ashram se hi aata hai aur woh khana, dudh, sabji aur bhade mein nikal jata hai. Ghar mein pani-bijli kuch nahi aata hai, aur bimar hone par kali babu mein dikha leti hu.   |
| 173.    | Lalita Dasi  | 70  | Priya Kund, Barssana | West Bengal             | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit           | Widow          | 1 yr               | Yahan par bhajan karne ke liye aa gayi. Ab yahan par achha lagta hai, ghar nahi gayi jab se yahan aayi hu, kabhi kabhi phone par baat ho jati hai aur who mlne bhi aa jate hai. Main bus ab bhajan karti hu aur wahin se jo paise mil jate hai usse khana kha leti hu aur bhada bhar deti hu. Ghar mein bijli-pani aa jata hai aur bimari ke samay sarkari hospital se dawa le leti hu.   |
| 174.    | Pushpa Dasi  | 60  | Barsana              | West Bengal             | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit           | Widow          | 20 yrs             | Yahan par kam karne aa gaye, desh mein to kuch tha nahi wahan reh kar hi kya karte. Yahan par main aur mera beta ek saath rehte hai aur dono kaam karte hai. Main Shreeji mein kaam karti hu aur phir bhajan ashram bhi jati hu aur mera beta tutitions padata hai. Akele kaam karne se to ghar chalta nahi hai isliye dono kaam karte hai aur bhada bharte hai, khana khate hai. Ghar mein bijli hai par pani bahar se lana padta hai. Bimari ke samay rangili mahal se dawai lete hai jiske paise nahi lagte. |
| 175.    | Suchita Dasi | 55  | Ganga Bhua           | 24 Pargana, West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit           | Married        | 2 yrs              | Desh mein kheti karte the par apni zameen to thi nahi to waha zyada kaam to hota nahi tha isliye hum pati-patni yahan aa gaye aur bachho  |

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|         |             |     |   |                 |                |         |             |                 |                |                    | ko wahi chod diya. Ab yahin par pati kaam kar leta hai aur main bhajan kar leti hu. Bachho se milne nahi gaye hai jab se aaye hai, paise lgte hai jaane ke jo humare paas hai nahi. Ghar mein pani-bijli aata nahi hai, isliye bhi bohot pareshani hoti hai par kya kare chalana padta hai. Bimar hote hai to yahin rangili mahal se dawa muft mein le lete hai, aur kya kare?   |
| 176.    | Sudevi Dasi | 30  | Bhajan Ashram, Barsana                        | Assam           | Hindu          | No      | No          | 7 <sup>th</sup> | Married        | 5 yrs              | Bhajan karne ko yahan aa gayi. Mere pati bhi yahin par hai par mere saath nahi rehte, woh bhi mahatama ban gaye hai, yahan ashram mein main apni beti ke saath rehti hu. Beti school jati hai meri, II class mein padti hai. Mera saara kharcha bhajan karke hi hota hai, waise bhi mere pati kaam nahi karne dete hai woh kehte hai ki sirf bhajan karo, isliye main sirf bhajan hi karti hu. 700 rupye fees jati hai meri beti ki school ki aur phir khane ka alag se kharch hota hai. Bijli-pani aata hai mere kamre mein aur bimar hone par sarkari hospital mein dikha leti hu. |
| 177.    | Pushpa Dasi | 55  | Radha Krishna Girdhari Mahila Ashram, Barsana | Bangladesh      | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | 5 <sup>th</sup> | Unmarried      | 25 yrs             | Main bai ban gayi hu, babaji ke saath main Bangladesh se yahan bhajan karne ko aa gayi. Ab main wapas jana bhi chahu to bhi nahi ja sakti kyunki mere paas passport nahi hai. Ab yahin par rehte hai aur apna khana bhiksha maang kar llate hai. Humare guruji to rahe nahi ab, bus hum do mahilaye is ashram ko chalte hai. Ashram mein bijli-pani to aata hi hai aur uska bill bhi maang kar hi bharna padta hai. Bimar hone pad bus sarkari mein hi dikhate hai jahan muft mein kaam ho jata hai par agar   |

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|         |              |     |   |                       |                |         |             |       |                |                    | koi jyada bimari ho jaye to phir bhiksha maante hai aur phir ilaaj karate hai.  |
| 178.    | Subharani    | 70  | Banmalik Pandit                               | West Bengal           | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 30 yrs             | Mere do hi ladke hai jo dono babaji ban gaye hai, unhi ke saath yahan aa gayi thi. Ab yahan akeli rehti hu aur bhajan karte hu. Rshan card mera banaya tha jisne usne hi rakha hua hai,kabhi diya hi nahi usne mujhe.   |
| 179.    | Kamlesh Dasi | 36  | Radha Krishna Girdhari Mahila Ashram, Barsana | Tos Gaon              | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Unmarried      | 13 yrs             | Bus babaji ke saath bhajan karne aa gayi yahan par aur tab se issi ashram mein rehti hu. Bhiksha maang kar apna guzara karte hai. Gharwalo se sabhi se abhi bhi baat ho jati hai aur who kabhi milne bhi aa jate hai par main nahi jaati, man nahi karta mera ghar jane ka. Bus ab guruji ka ashram hi sambhalna hai aur thakurji ki sewa main jivan bitana hai. Ghar mein mere sab hai aur hum kheta-bari ka kaam karte hai. Bimari ke waqt main private doctor ko hi dikhati hu, sarkari mein dikhane ka koi fayda nahi hota,dawai theek nahi dete hai. |
| 180.    | Somwati      | 65  | Attla pass                                    | Bharatpur, Rajasthan  | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 1 yr               | 4 beti thi meri jinki sabki shadi ho gayi,ek beta hai jo bohot daaru paata hai aur kisi ladki ke chakar mein pad gaya hai aur mana karne par mar dene ki dhamki deta hai. Kya karti main akeli wahan par isliya yahin par aa gayi. Yahna par main bhajn karke apna kharcha chala leti hu. Ghar mein pani-bilji nahi aata. jab se aayi hu bete se milne wapas nahi gayi na hi usse kabhi baat hui hai.   |
| 181.    | Phagli       | 65  | Maan Tila                                     | Bilaspur, Chattisgarh | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Married        | 1 yr               | 3 beti thi meri jinki sabki shadi ho gayi,pati mera bohot maarta hai isliye main usse chod kar yahan aa gayi. Yahan 300 रुपये bhade ke  |

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|         |           |     |                 |                          |                 |         |             |       |                |                    | kamre mein rehti hu jahan pani-bijli kuch nahi aata hai. Maang kar khana khati hu aur bhajan karke thode paise le leti hu. Desh mein kheti-bari kiya karte the par apni koi zameen to thi nahi to itni koi kamai to hoti nahi thi.  |
| 182.    | Bajo Devi | 60  | Kishore Pura    | Vrindavan                | Hindu           | No      | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | NAasha             | 1 ladki ki shadi kardi,yahin vrindavan mein shadi kardi isliye usse milna bhi ho hi jata hai. Ab hum saas-bahu yahan par 300 rupye bhade par rehte hai jahan pani-bijli aata hai. Dono subah-shaam bhajan ashram jaate hai aur bhajan karte hai aur ussi se jo paise milte hai usse bhada bharte hai. Dono ka rashan card hai to usse rashan aa jata hai. Saas meri jyadatar bimar rehti hai isliye uska ilaaj kali babu hospital se karati hu. |
| 183.    | Asha Rani | 60  | Radha Niwas     | Murshidabad, West Bengal | Hindu           | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 30 yrs             | Main ghar se ladai karke yahan chali aayi. Yahan par main thees saal se reh rahi hu aur kisi ke ghar mein choka-bartan karti hu aur ussi se 500 rupye bhada bharti hu aur thoda paisa bhajan karke bhi mil jata hai jisse khana aa jata hai. Ghar mein mere bijli to aati hai par pani bahar se lana padta hai. Do saal mein ek baar main kabhi desh jaati hu paise ekkhate karke aur wahan phir apne pote-poti mein baat kar aa jati hu.       |
| 184.    | Basanti   | 60  | Hathi Tila      | Atta Jilla               | Hindu           | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 20 yrs             | Beta-bahu humko apne paas rakhta nahi hai, unhone nikal diya to hum kahan jati, isliye yahan par aa gayi. Ab yahan par bhajan karke apna jivan bitati hu aur bachho se milne desh wapas nahi jati hu. Yahan 200 rupye ke bhade par mera kamra hai jahan bijli aati hai aur pani bahar handpump se bharna padta hai.   |

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| 185.    | Bindra Dasi    | 60  | Thakur Kamra                          | West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 20 yrs             | Main akeli yahan par aa gayi. Do bachhe hai mere jo desh mein hi rehte hai,yahan par main kissi ke ghar mein kaam karti hu aur un paiso mein se 700 rupye ka bhada bharti hu. Bachho se meri kabhi kabhi baat ho jati hai aur jab se aayi hu bus ek baar unse milne bhi gayi hu. Yahan bhajan ashram bhi jati hu.   |
| 186.    | Sundari Mandal | 60  | Thakur Kamra                          | West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | No          | No    | Widow          | 20 yrs             | Main akeli yahan par aa gayi. Do bachhe hai mere jo desh mein hi rehte hai,yahan par main sirf bhajan karti hu aur un paiso mein se 700 rupye ka bhada bharti hu. Bachho se meri kabhi kabhi baat ho jati hai aur jab se aayi hu bus ek baar unse milne bhi gayi hu.  |
| 187.    | Usha Dasi      | 61  | Hara Bari, Gopinath Bazar, Patharpura | Bangladesh      | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Married        | 20 yrs             | She says "patti ko pait ki bimari tha,isiye yahan aaya".She has a son and a daughter, she is not in touch with them.She says at the time of need"koj jo yahan milta hai,2 roti mangke kha leete hai. She goes to Bhajan Ashram everyday. Gets Rs 3 in the morning and the evening both.She needs money for medicines and clothes.She describes her place of living as" toota hai,paani hai, light hai. She pays a rent of Rs 300 every month. She begs at times as well. She has a gas problem. Her husband takes care of her when she is ill. She spends approximately 200 rs a month for her health treatment. She says" radha rani" will take care of her. She says " Sarkar hume kya dega, vidhva ko deta hai sarkar ". Her husband doesnt work as he is unwell most of the time. |
| 188.    | Bisla Dasi     | 59  | Kali Bari, Patharpura                 | West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 9 yrs              | Her husband left her at vrindavan. He died 5 yrs back.She is not in touch with any of her   |

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|         |              |     |  |                 |                |         |             |       |                |                    | family members.She require money for food and clothing.During the time of need, she begs or "udhar leta hai ". She cant earn any money when is ill.She says when she doesnt have any money she does" thakur ji ka pooja". She says the money she gets from the bhajan ashram is less,"pura nahi padta". There is no facility for water or electricity at her residence. She doesnt receives money from anyone else.She wants to receive money from ashram and clothes and pension from the Govt. she has no work experience and possess no working skills. |
| 189.    | Renu Dasi    | 85  | Laxmi Kunj,<br>Gopinath Bazar,<br>Patharpura | West Bengal     | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 35 yrs             | She had no money, no food , that is why she came to vrindavan.She is not in touch with any of her family member. She has a son who is a liver patient. She says there was no point living with him.She says that laxmi kunj is alright. But there is no light. Water supply is there. She gets a pension of Rs 1800 in every 6 months ( Rs 300 a month), which is the widow pension. She is diabetic and a heart ailment as well.She goes to Rama Krishna Mission Hospital for her treatment. She goes to bhajan ashram at times. Gets Rs 6 a day there.   |
| 190.    | Ranjita Dasi | 35  | Gauradham Colony                             | Assam           | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 5 yrs              | She came to vrindavan after her husband's death. She is in touch with her brother and a sister. She visited them 2 yrs back. She doesn't feel the need to have a family.She gets food in ashram but needs money to pay rent. She comes to bhajan asharam everyday.She says "radha rani zindabad". She resides at   |

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|         |               |     |                     |                 |                |         |             |       |                |                    | govardhan.About her home she says " theek hai, paani hai". She earns Rs 10 in 4 days. She says that she must receive pension from the Govt. She doesnt know how to go about it. Her ear pains and suffering a back problem as well. She goes to radha krishna ashram. She says" sarkari doctor yahan aata hai, muft mein dawai deta hai" . She wants a pension and a shelter from the Govt.   |
| 191.    | Moh Maya Dasi | 70  | Ram Chandra's House | West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 10 yrs             | She lives on rent. Her sister got her to vrindavan. She has 3 daughters and a son, who is an alcoholic . She doesn't meet her family members. Daughters are married. She needs money for food, clothing and her eye operation.She goes to bhajan ashram everyday.When she is out of cash, she says" kya karega, koi rasta nahi hai ". She says ,"kissi tarah guzara kar leta hai". She does not want to change anything in her living space.She pays a monthly rent of Rs 200. Water and electricity is available there. She is eager to get a pension. She gets Rs 2.50 everyday from the bhajan asharam. She says " tabiyat roz kharab rehta hai". She gets free medicine from the Doctor who visits theri area. She wants better health facilities . She wants a home too. |
| 192.    | Binda Dasi    | 73  | Radha Kund          | West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 12 yrs             | She says " Parikarma karne aaya , bhallo ( good) laga toh yahin reh gaya". She has a son. She doesn't meet him. She requires money for food and clothes. She goes to bhajan ashram everyday. She says whatever the administration provides her, she is happy with it. When asked  |

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|         |              |     |                  |                 |                |         |             |                 |                |                    | whether the cash she earns is able to meet her needs , she says" kya kaho,thoda thoda". She pays a rent of Rs 200. Water is available at the place where she lives. She makes Rs 2.50 everyday by going to the bhajan ashram, she gets some food there as well everyday. She suffers from high blood pressure and chest pain. She goes to private hospital for treatment and spends around Rs 200 a month on her treatment. She wants "rupaiya, pension, ghar" from the Govt.   |
| 193.    | Charu Sharma | 58  | Jagannath Mandir | West Bengal     | Hindu          | No      | No          | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Widow          | 9 yrs              | She says " Guru ji ke saath vrindavan aayi, guru ji ka naam kali pado babji , Navdeep, W. Bengal , yahan acha laga ". She has a daughter whom she met 3 months ago when she visited W. Bengal. She says that she doent need cash for anything. She needs money to pay rent and for her health needs. She goes to the bhajan ashram everyday. She says " tabiyat theek nahi hai, par bhajan ashram aana padta hai paisa kamane ". She further says during the time of need " udhar lete hai". In reply to whether she is able to meet her needs with the cash she gets , she says "nahi ho pati zarurate puri, idhar udhar bhi nahi ja sakte". She pays a rent of Rs 150 a month. She gets water and electricity at the place she lives. She wants a house from the Govt or the ashram. She suffers from backache and ankle pain. She says " bimar rehte hoon ". She gets free medicines from vrindavan. She says " hamre kuch nahe hoga , mar jayega toh mar jayega". She is really |



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|         |                  |     |                                      |                 |                |         |             |                 |                |                    | in need of a house to live. She gets Rs 2.50 everyday in the bhajan ashram.   |
| 194.    | Saraswati Sharma | 62  | Mahila Ashray Sadan, Chaitanya Vihar | Sagar, M.P.     | Hindu          | Yes     | No          | 7 <sup>th</sup> | Widow          | 5 yrs              | She says " ladka sadhu hai, who yahan laya, mujhe acha lagta hai". She has a son who lives in the same locality. She has 2 married daughters. She says that her daughters spent Rs 15000 on her operation. She is happy with the fact that her son lives near-by. She says that during the time of need, she begs on the road. She gets pension, but says it is very less. She says " aap log kuch karo jisse hamein pareshani naa hoo ". Water, electricity and washroom is available at her ashram. She wants more pension from the Govt., better food. She goes to both Pvt and Govt Doctor. She says Vandana Jain takes care of her when she is ill.  |
| 195.    | Jyotika Ghosh    | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan, Chaitanya Vihar | West Bengal     | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | 8 <sup>th</sup> | Widow          | 3 yrs              | She came to vrindavan and liked this place. She has a daughter who is spastic. She lives with her. Her daughter is 35 years old. Her son married a U.S citizen and lives in the U.S. She has a home in West Bengal, she says " hamara ghar hai, ek mahina ka chooti leta hai, wahan jata hai". She gets a pension of Rs 1800 in every months time. She gets a food pension as well, which she hasnt received in the last months. She says that her family is here, " hamara parivar yahin hai, beti saath rehta hai". She says she needs money for food, "Log kapda de jaata hai, latrine hai, bathroom hai". She says to meet her both ends meet, "udhar leta hai". When she is not able to earn any |

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|         |               |     |                 |                         |                |         |             |                 |                |                    | cash, ssya at that time " hum apne guru ji ke ashram jaate hai , raman reeti niwas". Rs 500 is the food pension each month.She says " guzara ho jata hai, ration milta hai, koshish karke chala leta hai, kya kare". She asks me " Sir ji, hamare khane ka pension kyo nahi aata?" She shares her room with another female. She further tells me " doctor free hai, medicine free hai, paani bijli hai , rajai kambal hai". She gets food , water and quilt from the ashram. She says pension is less. Her health is fine , she says" theek hai, umar zyada hai, isliye sardi lag jaata hai." There's a dispensary in the ashram, eye specialist comes there. She takes a cup of coffee in the night to remain in good health. She says she has no dreams in her eyes now , " koi sapna nahi hai, thakur ji mere saath hai". |
| 196.    | Sushti Dasi   | 62  | Rangji Mandir   | Orissa                  | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit           | Married        | 33 yrs             | Her mother in law left her here after her husband deserted her. She is not in touch with any of her family members. She says that she was approached to work as a sex worker but she refused. She was also paid Rs 300 in advance. But she refused to further talk about it. She begs when she needs money. She needs money for food, clothes and shelter. She has no aspirations , refused to talk about her health. She worships god. This is what she kept saying repeatedly.   |
| 197.    | Shobhita Dasi | 36  | Radha Colony    | 24 Pargana, West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | No          | 6 <sup>th</sup> | Unmarried      | 4 yrs              | She has done a tailoring course , she has also worked as a nurse in the hospital .She says " guru ne kaho vrindavan jao, toh mai aaye".  |

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|         |            |     |                                  |                 |                 |         |             |       |                |                    | She has no family members. She says guru is everything. She needs money for housing purposes. She goes to bhajan ashram everyday. She gets Rs 2.50 in the evening and also 250 gm rice , 50 gm dal. She is not able to earn any cash when she is unwell. She begs during the time of need. She pays a rent of Rs 300 . She says the place where she lives in clean, water and electricity is available. She says that the health facilities provided here by the Govt is insufficient. She wants better health facilities. She was treated 2 yrs back for a stone operation. She spent Rs 2000 on that operation. She needs a Dcotor in the nearby area. She needs a place to live from the Govt. |
| 198.    | Seema Dasi | 60  | Sher Gali Mohalla,<br>Radha Kund | West Bangal     | Hindu           | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 20 yrs             | She washes utensils and clean homes in the nearby locality. She comes to the bhajan asharam everyday. She has a brother and a sister. She visited them 3 yrs back. She begs as well at times. She needs money to pay rent and for maintaing her health. She says" jeevan kashth (trouble) se chal raha hai". She lives in a 10 sq. yards room. No water, no electricity. She needs food , money and shelter from the ashram and the Govt both. She says "tabiyat theek nahi hai, pairo mein dard hota hai, chaakar aate hai". She goes to a hospital in vrindavan, gets free treatment at times. She requires medicines for her heart problem as well.  |

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| 199.    | Sudhevi Dasi  | 31  | Sher Gali Mohalla,<br>Radha Kund | Naudeep,<br>West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | No          | B.A.  | Unmarried      | 10 yrs             | She has a mother, father, brother and a sister. She met them last year. She owns a house here. A 2 room flat. She comes to the bhajan ashram everyday. She gets Rs 2.50 everyday alongwith 250 gm of rice, 50 gm of dal. There are 2 shifts in the bhajan ashram (5:30 am - 9:30 am and 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm).She doesnt take anyone's help, or even asks for it. There is no facility for water and electricity at her residence.She has a bedding though.She was treated for a breathing problem last month. She spends a little amount every month on her health needs.She goes to Rama Krishna Mission Hospital for treatment. She says if Govt. gives her at least Rs 250 a month , that would help her a lot. She worships Radha Rani. She wants to live her life here. |
| 200.    | Jaishree Dasi | 42  | Sher Gali Mohalla,<br>Radha Kund | Naudeep<br>West Bengal  | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 5 yrs              | Her husband died 6 years back of a truck accident. He was a truck driver.Her mother-in-law left her at Vrindavan.She doesnt want to go back to her. She abused her and slapped her many a times before leaving her at this place. She was treated as an untouchable after her husband's death. She was not allowed to meet people. She hated that life. She feels better at Vrindavan.She has no pension, she comes to Bhajan Ashram everyday. She gets food here everyday. She begs as well at times. She is alone in this city. She has no proper shelter to live. She keeps in good health. She wants the Govt. to provide her pension and a house to live in.  |

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| 201.    | Tarana Dasi | 65  | Ram Chandra's House | West Bengal     | Hindu           | No      | No          | Illit | Wiodw          | 7 yrs              | She came to Vrindavan with her younger sister. They came here to lead a better life. Her husband died 7 years back. He came here with her half-sister. She goes to the bhajan ashram everyday. She lives on rent. Her younger sister takes care of her, she works as a maid in the same locality where they live. They pay a rent of Rs 300 a month. They survive on the ration they get from the ashram. They love eating rice and dal. She tells us that her living space is about 50 sq. yards. It has drinking water available around 10 feet away. There is a provision for electricity as well. She had a son who married a muslim woman and lives in delhi with her. She is not in touch with any of her family members. She is sad about the current state of Vrindavan. She wants the Govt. to provide all the widowed females with a pension and quality food to eat. She says that " sarkar hamare khyal nahi rakhega toh kaun rakhega". |
| 202.    | Mangla Dasi | 44  | Ram chandra's House | West Bengal     | Hindu           | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 10 yrs             | She was married at the age of 11 . She gave birth to a baby boy when she was 14. Her husband left her for another female when she was 25. She married her daughter. She says that the money she got from her daughter's marriage, she survived on it for nearly a decade and then when she had no other means to survive, she came to Vrindavan. When i asked her as to how she got money from her daughter's wedding, she kept mum and tried moving away from me. She keeps in good  |

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|         |               |     |  |                            |                |         |             |       |                |                    | health. She exercises regularly, drinks lots of water in a day. She earns around Rs 8 a day. She takes her sister to Rama Krishna Mission Hospital for her back problem. They do not want to go back to Kolkata. She wants a pension from the Govt. and also a good house to live in. She says that this place is so unhygienic. The authorities don't take care of the sewage system as well.  |
| 203.    | Sunita Biswas | 55  | Laxmi Kunj,<br>Gopinath Bazar,<br>Patharpura | West Bengal                | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 4 yrs              | She has been at Vrindavan for the past 4 years. Her husband died 6 years back. She came to Vrindavan as she was sick of living in her hometown. She had no money, no food to eat. Now she gets to eat twice a day. She gets a pension of Rs 1800 every 6 months. She is authorised to get ration every month. She is not in touch with any of her family member. She feels like going back at times. She tells us that there is no one to take care of her in this city. She says that many people suffer from tuberculosis in this city. She tells us that the 3 litre kerosene oil they get every month gets over in 15-20 days. She wants Govt. to give better facilities to widow females. She says "ke app toh sarkar see ayye hoo, aap hamri maadad karo". She goes to bhajan ashram everyday. She is suffering from a gastric problem. |
| 204.    | Chamra Dasi   | 71  | Pagal Baba Ashram,<br>Bhutgali               | 24 Pargana,<br>West Bengal | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 19 yrs             | She has been here for the past 10 years. Her husband died 20 years back. She lives alone at this place. She came for a better life to Vrindavan. She maintains good health. She gets  |

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|         |              |     |                 |                 |                 |         |             |       |                |                    | pension and monthly ration as well. She says that the administration of the ashram is corrupt. She tells us that whoever tried complaining against Saraswati or Anjana were thrown out of the ashram. She says that she herself treated with cruelty by Anjana at times. She wants the Govt. to keep a check on the functioning of these public welfare authorities. She has no children. She has no relatives. The place is in a mess she says, dirty urinals, filthy rooms. She wants the ashram to provide all the widows with medicines so that they remain in good health and can save some money for the unforeseen expenditure.  |
| 205.    | Kalpana Dasi |     | Radha Colony    | West Bengal     | Hindu           | No      | No          | Illit | Unmarried      | 5 yrs              | She came here with her brother 5 years ago. Her brother is a sadhu. She shares her room with another widow who regularly comes to radha kund bhajan ashram with her. She pays a rent of Rs 150. She tells us that she also washes utensils and clean houses in the locality so that she can make her both ends meet. She gets no pension. She is unmarried. She does not want to get married in this birth she says. She suffers from a gastric problem. She goes to Radha Krishna Mission Hospital at times. She says that the place where she lives is really dirty. There is a constant smell of dead rats in the area. Authorities take no action towards eradicating this problem. She eats twice a day. She gets up at 5 in the morning, comes to bhajan ashram for the morning session. Then she goes to clean houses in the |

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|         |              |     |  |                      |                |         |             |       |                |                    | locality. She comes back around 5 p.m . She cooks for herself. She further says that life here is very tough. Her parents died when she was 8 years old. Her brother also lives near-by and meets her twice a week,  |
| 206.    | Radha Dasi   | 65  | Radha Tila, Bhajan Kuti Ashram               | Nepal                | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Unmarried      | 50 yrs             | She says " mai bachpan se sadhu ke paas rehti hoon". Her parents died when she was 2 yrs old. She goes to Bairali Baba Ashram and performs kirtan. She has a brother who lives in Assam. She does 2-4 hours of bhajan everyday and makes Rs 400 a month. She needs money for medicines and kitchen gas. Water and Electricity is available near her living place. She wants pension, food and money from the Govt. She is suffering from a knee problem .She spent Rs 800-900 to get rid of this problem. They have 1 urinal for 50 females. |
| 207.    | Uma Chowdhry | 35  | Chota Pagal Baba, Near Kala Bari, Patharpura | Naudeep, West Bengal | Hindu          | Yes     | No          | Illit | Widow          | 18 yrs             | She has a son who went away when he was young. She lives on rent ( Rs 200 a month). She gets a pension of Rs 150 a month from pani ghat. She begs near the temples. She wants a house, free medicines and food from ther Govt. She tells us that it is difficult to survive. She is forced to beg else she wouldn't be able to survive.  |
| 208.    | Jamna Sarkar | 45  | Keshi Ghat, Gopal Kunj, Manipur bari         | Assam                | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 20 yrs             | She goes to Bhajan ashram everyday. Gets Rs 3 in the morning and evening each.Her husband died 7 years ago. She has no kids. She gets no pension. She says " bahut dikaat hai, khano ko nahi milta, pareshani hoti hai.  |



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| 209.    | Renuka Dasi       | 71  | Damodar Mandir, Patharpura                     | Naudeep, West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 7 yrs              | She has no pension, no ration card. Her husband died 7 yrs back. She has no kids. She lives alone. She has no relatives as well. She cannot walk properly due to some problem in her legs. She goes to Rama Krishna Mission Hospital for her leg treatment. She wants pension from the Govt. She lives in a temple. She says " mai wahan par sewa karta hoon,wahi par rehta hoon".      |
| 210.    | Sudhevi Dasi      | 60  | Samajwaadi Bari, Near Manipur Bari, Keshi Ghat | West Bengal          | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 38 yrs             | She pays a rent of Rs 100 every month. She doesn't get pension, has no ration card either. She gets 2 litre oil every month from Borliganj ration shop no. 8. She works at Shyam Sundar Gopinath Temple. She survives on the money and food she receives from the Temple. She wants a pension and a house from the Govt.  |
| 211.    | Ram Surindar      | 60  | Bansi Bhat Sudama Kutti, Patharpura            | Shahjahanpur, U.P.   | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Married        | 7 yrs              | She came to Vrindavan 7 years back. She applied for pension at Pani Ghat but didn't get it. Her husband doesn't live with her. She has no relatives or kids. She came here due to a financial crunch as she was unable to take care of her finances. She says " Bahut dikat hai yahan par, pension nahi milta, ration nahi milta, hamari madad karo ". She wants pension from the Govt. |
| 212.    | Durga Rani Mandal | 68  | Keshi Ghat                                     | Naudeep, West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 13 yrs             | She came here around 13 years back. Her Father in law left her here. Her husband died of an illness and as soon as he died, her in laws left her here. They never wanted her to live with them. She says " mai koi kaam nahi janti thi, woh mujhse kaam karana chahte the, mai nahi maani, isliye mujhe iddhar chod gaya".  |

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|         |                |     |                                       |                      |                |         |             |       |                |                    | She wants food and pension from the Govt. She lives on rent (Rs 250 ). She goes to bhajan ashram in the morning and works in a house in the nearby locality. She cooks and cleans the house.  |
| 213.    | Sumitra Sarkar | 59  | Pani Ghat, Near Kaushal Baba's Ashram | Asam                 | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 4 yrs              | She lives alone in a small room at Pani Ghat. Water and electricity is not available. She gets water at a place that is 10-15 mins away. She says it is tough to walk so much at this age. She doesn't get pension, nor has a ration card. She is also suffering from hypertension. She goes to Rama Krishna Mission Hospital. She says " itni duur hai hospital, dikat hota hai, paisa bhi nahi hota jaane ke liye". She goes to some Temple in Vrindavan, gets Rs 5 from there every day. She survives on the money and the food she gets from the Temple. She came here on her own wish. She won't like to go back as there are no relatives who wish her to live with them. |
| 214.    | Krishna Dasi   | 66  | Gopinath Bazar                        | Naudeep, West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | Yes         | Illit | Widow          | 25 yrs             | She has been here for more than 20 years now. She gets pension from the local ration dealer. She wants pension from the Govt. Her husband lived with her at Vrindavan, he died 2 years back. She doesn't know how to go about getting a pension card on her name. She has 2 sons who are married and live in Delhi. She has no contact with them, they ill-treat her.   |
| 215.    | Sushma Das     | 46  | Gopinath Bazar, Patharpura            | Naudeep West Bengal  | Hindu          | Yes     | Yes         | Illit | Widow          |                    | She is happy living here as she gets pension and ration from the Govt. The only problem she faces here is that she has to pay a rent of Rs 250 every month. She wants a free living   |

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|         |              |     |                               |                        |                |         |             |       |                |                    | space from the Govt. Water and electricity is available, she keeps good health, she says "sardio mein thoda zuukam ho jata hai baas". She is a highly spirited woman. She wants to spend her remaining life here, doesn't even want to talk about her relatives.  |
| 216.    | Savitri Dasi |     | Gopinath Bazar,<br>Patharpura | Naudeep<br>West Bengal | Hindu          | No      | No          | Illit | Widow          | 5 yrs              | She lives alone and pays a rent of Rs 300 a month. Her husband died 7 years ago, she works in the houses in the nearby locality, she says "mahine ka 1500 rupaiya mil jaata hai, khane ka mandiro me mil jata hai". She doesn't want to go back to her relatives as they won't keep her and also that she is happy here. She also helps other females by taking them to the hospital. She wants ration and pension from the Govt. Her husband died of high fever. |

## DETAILS OF THE WOMEN INTERVIEWED AT VRINDAVAN

| S.No | Name of Women      | Age | Current Address              | Place of Origin          | Pension | Ration Card | Education  | Marital Status | In Vrindavan since |
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| 1    | Krishna Dasi       | 80  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Agartala W.Bangal        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Married        | 1993               |
| 2    | Rajni Sahu         | 60  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Anguda Orrisa            | No      | Yes         | 5th        | Married        | 2008               |
| 3    | Luchni Nayak       | 58  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Lohdi Pur Orrisa         |         | Yes         | Nil        | Widow          | 2007               |
| 4    | Tilotma Das        | 68  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Fuler Pai Orrisa         | Old Age | Yes         | 4th        | Widow          | 1990               |
| 5    | Shanti Devi        | 70  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Jugar Pur, Jaipur        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Married        | 2003               |
| 6    | Maya Das           | 75  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Vahu Bazar, Kolkatta     | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Married        | 2003               |
| 7    | Urmila Taiwal      | 75  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Siknapan gali, Hatras    | No      | No          | Word Known | Widow          | 2008               |
| 8    | Ram Dulari         | 82  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Bauharibandwakal, M.P    | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Widow          | 2006               |
| 9    | Asha Lata Banargee | 80  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | PurbSthi, Naudia         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Married        | 2007               |
| 10   | Jal Devi           | 91  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Bhagwati Bagh, Agra, U.P | Old Age | Yes         | 5th        | Married        | 2007               |
| 11   | Mandakni           | 79  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Palam Pur, Surat         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Married        | 2005               |
| 12   | Rewadi Guru        | 61  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Torma, Orrisa            |         |             | Nil        | Married        | 2008               |
| 13   | Ranoo Mukhargee    | 80  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Satpur, Bangal           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Married        | 1984               |
| 14   | Jamuna Das         | 60  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Shali Kantha, Maidanpur  |         |             | Nil        | Widow          | 2007               |
| 15   | Radha Patel        | 63  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Padam Puri, Samwalpur    | Old Age | Yes         | 6th        | Widow          | 2008               |
| 16   | Putul Dev          | 66  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Vardhman, Kamsu Nagar    | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Widow          | 2004               |
| 17   | Prem Kishori Verma | 60  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Surya Nagar, U.P         | No      | Yes         | B.A, B.Ed  | Widow          | 2008               |
| 18   | Vimla Das          | 75  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Tamluk, Maidali Pur      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Widow          | 2002               |
| 19   | Gita Sharma        | 60  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Derol, Gujrat            | Old Age | Yes         | 8th        | Widow          | 2008               |
| 20   | Vimla Devi         | 72  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Swarn Mandir, Panjab     |         | Yes         | Nil        | Widow          | 2006               |
| 21   | Jashoda Dasi       | 80  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Govind Ghera, Vrindavan  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Widow          | 1984               |

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| 22   | Radha Bishwas      | 85  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Shambhu Nagar, W.B          | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Widdow         | 1972               |
| 23   | Shri Kumari        | 65  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Mallpurajanm Bhumi, Mathura |         | Yes         | Nil        | Widdow         | 2003               |
| 24   | Vina Sen           | 71  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | vaj vaj Line, Kolkotta      | Old Age | Yes         | 8th        | Widdow         | 2006               |
| 25   | Sunita Mishra      | 47  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Raipur (C.G)                | Widdow  |             | 5th        | Widdow         |                    |
| 26   | Sushila Pal        | 80  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Dinaspuri, Baur Ghat        | Old Age | Yes         | 2nd        | Widdow         |                    |
| 27   | Namita Sandal      | 80  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Mirja pur, Habda, Kolkatta  | Old Age | Yes         | 9th        | Married        |                    |
| 28   | Geeta Pal          | 74  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Rajsol Namo, Jaipur, Raj.   | Old Age | Yes         | 4th        | Widdow         |                    |
| 29   | Pratima Sharma     | 28  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Gopi Nath Mandir, Vrindavan | No      | Yes         | 9th        | Widdow         |                    |
| 30   | Mainka Mukhargee   | 83  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Chikana Farsh Madan, Raj    | Old Age | Yes         | M.A        | Widdow         |                    |
| 31   | Roshan Saraf       | 77  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Civil Line, Agra            | Old Age | Yes         | B.Sc       | Widdow         |                    |
| 32   | Khanto Das         | 55  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Newkuch Vihar               |         |             | Nil        | Widdow         |                    |
| 33   | Parulash Nanokar   | 77  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Bada Nagar Nopada, Kolkatta | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Widdow         |                    |
| 34   | Palas Muni Pauddar | 60  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Newkunj Vihar, Bangal       |         |             | Nil        | Widdow         |                    |
| 35   | Jyotsana Das       | 50  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Newkunj Vihar, Bangal       |         |             | Nil        | Widdow         |                    |
| 36   | Vasuna Das         | 60  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Mauskuchi, Bangal           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Widdow         |                    |
| 37   | Suman              | 47  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Shikhar Pur, Asam           | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil        | Widdow         |                    |
| 38   | Munni Singh        | 60  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Agra                        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Widdow         |                    |
| 39   | Archana Datta      | 61  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Mahavidha Colony, Mathura   | Old Age | Yes         | Word Known | Married        |                    |
| 40   | Amit rai           | 61  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Paragnas, Kolkatta          | Old Age | Yes         | 9th        | Un Married     |                    |
| 41   | Lalita Kumari      | 46  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Kulti, Vardhman             |         | Yes         | 2nd        | Un Married     |                    |
| 42   | Bhagwati Shahoo    | 38  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Shanpur, Pali               | Widdow  | Yes         | 5th        | Widdow         |                    |
| 43   | Ganga Pal          | 41  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | No-1, Ramesh Datt, Kolkatta | Widdow  | Yes         | 4th        | Widdow         |                    |
| 44   | Meena Pradhan      | 61  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Athakali, Badgarh           | Widdow  | Yes         | 8th        | Widdow         |                    |
| 45   | Hemkanti           | 57  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Silguda, Vijay Pur          | Old Age | Yes         | 7th        | Married        | 2007               |

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| 46   | Sangeeta Gupta         | 40  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Badhpura Colony, Mathura      | Widow   | Yes         | Nil          | Widow          | 2008               |
| 47   | Tarabala Mukherjee     | 88  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Bankur, W.B                   | Old Age | Yes         | Nil          | Married        | 1965               |
| 48   | Anima De               | 57  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Shimlatala, Pargana           | Old Age | Yes         | 7th          | Married        | 2007               |
| 49   | Renubala Dasi          | 83  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Dalssar, Agartala, W.B        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil          | Married        | 1985               |
| 50   | Lavkhi Nandi           | 80  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Dhulia Gobindapur, Bangladesh | Old Age | Yes         | Nil          | Married        | 1972               |
| 51   | Suniti Halder          | 85  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | W.B                           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil          | Married        | 1980               |
| 52   | Shanti Devi Mishra     | 75  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | No-24, Habada, Kolkatta       |         |             | Nil          | Widow          | 1993               |
| 53   | Phulo Bai              | 83  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Raipur, Sidhauri              | Old Age | Yes         |              | Widow          | 2007               |
| 54   | Pramila Dasi           | 48  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Bonomalipur, Tripura          | Old Age | Yes         |              | Married        | 1978               |
| 55   | Shrimati               | 66  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Kesh Pur, Medini              | Old Age |             |              | Widow          | 1968               |
| 56   | Shanti Yadav           | 64  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Elahwadpade Pur               | Old Age | Yes         |              | Widow          | 2004               |
| 57   | Sunaina Devi           | 64  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Nalandapo, Bihar              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil          | Widow          | 2004               |
| 58   | Parvati Devi           | 88  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Paharpur, Bihar               | Old Age | Yes         | Nil          | Married        | 2005               |
| 59   | Subodhbala Lagorai     | 90  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Kulwaria, W.B                 | Old Age | Yes         | Nil          | Married        | 1975               |
| 60   | Sarjulata Talukar      | 74  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Mukund Das Colony, Kolkatta   |         |             | Nil          | Widow          | 2008               |
| 61   | Kiran Dasi             | 80  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Bangala Desh                  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil          | Married        | 1979               |
| 62   | Jaya Manjrekar         | 55  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Malai Paschim, Mumbai         |         |             | Intermediate | Widow          | 2008               |
| 63   | Tulsi Dasi Chakrovarti | 90  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Bihuadori, Bangal             | Old Age | Yes         | 5th          | Married        | 2008               |
| 64   | Hiranbala Shatrughara  | 83  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Shanti Pur, Naudia            | Old Age | Yes         | Nil          | Married        | 2005               |
| 65   | Prabhawati Bose        | 91  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Yadav Pur, Kolkatta           | Old Age | Yes         |              | Married        | 2002               |
| 66   | Ganga Devi             | 66  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Palam, Delhi                  | Old Age | Yes         |              | Widow          | 2007               |
| 67   | Kanaklata Chakrovarti  | 85  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Kiranalaunch, Gowahati        | Old Age | Yes         |              | Widow          | 2003               |
| 68   | Janki                  | 73  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Sambharpet, Puna, Mumbai      | Old Age | Yes         |              | Widow          | 2005               |
| 69   | Sakhi Dasi             | 76  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Logunmamrit, W.B              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil          | Married        | 1952               |

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| 70   | Parul Nandi       | 95  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Damdham, Kolkatta            | Old Age | Yes         | Word Known   | Married        | 1977               |
| 71   | Sona Devi         | 72  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Sawalia Nagar, Indore        | Old Age | Yes         | 5th          | Widow          | 2006               |
| 72   | Gauri Bishwas     | 81  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | 24, Pargana, Kolkatta        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil          | Married        | 1972               |
| 73   | Anuradha          | 94  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Rajshahi, Bangladesh         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil          | Married        | 1947               |
| 74   | Vinoda Mandal     | 83  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Lawakhikahli, Kulata         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil          | Married        | 2005               |
| 75   | Mohmaya Ghosh     | 81  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Dhaka, Dullibadi             | Old Age | Yes         | 4th          | Married        | 2008               |
| 76   | Radha Devi Gupta  | 73  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Shantakruj, Mumbai           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil          | Widow          | 2007               |
| 77   | Bharti Sonkar     | 27  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Madhipur, J.J. Colony, Delhi |         | Yes         | 7th          | Married        | 2006               |
| 78   | Rajkumari Bishwas | 64  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Naudia, W.B                  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil          | Married        | 2004               |
| 79   | Sanjogita Davi    | 72  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Gurgaon                      |         |             | B.A,         | Married        | 2008               |
| 80   | Roma Brahman      | 70  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Shasni Gaon, Hathras         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil          | Widow          | 2007               |
| 81   | Shanti Dikshit    | 24  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Gurunanak Market, Kanpur     |         | Yes         | 9th          | Married        | 2007               |
| 82   | Surjeet Kaur      | 30  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Nirankari Colony, Delhi      |         |             | B.A          | Married        | 2008               |
| 83   | Lalita Goshawami  | 90  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Chaitanya Godium, Vrindavan  |         |             | Word Known   | Widow          | 1999               |
| 84   | Bedauna Das       | 60  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Kunj Vihar                   |         |             | Nil          | Widow          | 2008               |
| 85   | Gauri Sharma      | 22  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Khatikhana, Hathras          |         |             | Intermediate | Married        | 2009               |
| 86   | Urmila Sharma     | 50  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Mirjapur                     |         |             | Nil          | Widow          | 2009               |
| 87   | Gauri Mukhargee   | 70  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Bali Ganj, Kolkatta          |         |             | Nil          | Widow          | 2009               |
| 88   | Ramdevi Sharma    | 50  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Fudkarlife, Vrindavan        |         |             | Nil          | Married        | 2009               |
| 89   | Kamla Bala        | 82  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Baushilhat, Pargana          | Old Age | Yes         | Nil          | Widow          | 2006               |
| 90   | Pramoda dasi      | 75  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Tanga, W.B                   | Old Age | Yes         | Nil          | Married        | 1964               |
| 91   | Kamla Bhunik      | 74  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | Dilash Pur, W.B              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil          | Widow          | 2004               |
| 92   | Shrimati Ist      | 75  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | W.B                          | Old Age | Yes         | Nil          | Married        | 1989               |
| 93   | Tulsi Mandal      | 76  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan | W.B                          | Old Age |             | Nil          | Married        | 2004               |

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| 94   | Haripyari          | 68  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan                     | Aligarh               |         |             | Nil        | Widow          | 2006               |
| 95   | Kumodini Sah       | 65  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan                     | Alipur W.B            |         |             | Nil        | Married        | 2005               |
| 96   | Bulow Bishwas      | 68  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan                     |                       |         |             | Nil        | Married        | 2005               |
| 97   | Badi Bai           | 69  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan                     | Sagar (M.P)           |         | Yes         | Nil        | Widow          | 2006               |
| 98   | Asha               | 75  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan                     | Sapta Bangal          |         |             | Nil        | Widow          | 2007               |
| 99   | Brijbala Devi      | 84  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan                     | Krishna Nagar(W.B)    | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Widow          | 2004               |
| 100  | Chavi Dasi         | 69  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan                     | Krishna Nagar(W.B)    | Old Age | Yes         | 5th        | Widow          | 2004               |
| 101  | Bhagwati Sharma    | 64  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan                     | Chitranjan, kolkatta  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Widow          | 2004               |
| 102  | Kajal Sharma       | 65  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan                     | Siligudi              | Old Age | Yes         | Word Known | Widow          | 2003               |
| 103  | Yamuna Bai         | 67  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan                     | Silkhuda, Bilaspur    | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Married        | 2003               |
| 104  | Ram Bai            | 65  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan                     | Sagar (M.P)           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Widow          | 2003               |
| 105  | Sabita Chakrovarti | 62  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan                     | Hubli(W.B)            | Old Age | Yes         | 7th        | Married        | 1996               |
| 106  | Soiwalini          | 88  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan                     | Tripura               | Old Age | Yes         | 3rd        | Married        | 1966               |
| 107  | Rekha Nayak        | 70  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan                     | Gautampada, Vrindavan | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Married        | 1969               |
| 108  | Nitai Pal          | 80  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan                     | Vardhman(W.B)         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Married        | 1950               |
| 109  | Narayani           | 65  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan                     | Vardhman(W.B)         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Married        | 1990               |
| 110  | Kamala Mukhargee   | 80  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan                     | Berisal, Bangladesh   | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Married        | 1932               |
| 111  | Anguri             | 78  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan                     | Nagala, Vrindavan     | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Married        | 1932               |
| 112  | Anjli Chatargee    | 70  | Amar Badi, Ma Dham Vrindavan                     | Murshidabad, (W.B)    | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Married        | 1991               |
| 113  | Fulwasini Pal      | 65  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Murshidabad, Bangal   | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Widow          | 6Years             |
| 114  | Gauri Rai          | 41  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Adlabad               | Widow   | Yes         | Yes        | Widow          | 7Years             |
| 115  | Nibha Devi         | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Paragna               |         | Yes         | Nil        | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 116  | Jyotika Ghosh      | 62  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Navdeep               | Old Age | Yes         | Nil        | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 117  | Urmila Adhikari    | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Krishna Nagar(W.B)    | Widow   | After Death | Nil        | Widow          | 15Years            |



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| 118  | Shiwani Das       | 46  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Nadia(W.B)                | Widdow  | After Death | Nil       | Widdow         | 5Years             |
| 119  | Gauri Bishwas     | 65  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Sundarvan(W.B)            | Widdow  | After Death | Nil       | Widdow         | 8Years             |
| 120  | Sabita Rani Ghosh | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Shakti Pur,(W.B)          | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 121  | P.O.Bala Das      | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Kasturi Bai Niketan,Delhi | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 122  | Ganga Ghosh       | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Vardhman,(W.B)            | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 123  | Puspa Mandal      | 50  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Virmun,(W.B)              | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 124  | Asha Bagh         | 70  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Bagsada,(W.B)             | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 125  | Anpurna Panja     | 65  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Vardhman,(W.B)            | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Old Age        | 4Years             |
| 126  | Komal Bai         | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Sihora,M.p                | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 127  | Arti Pal          | 65  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B            | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 128  | Dulari Mrida      | 65  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Tamsa,Orrisa              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Old Age        | 7Years             |
| 129  | Malti             | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Navdeep                   |         | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 5Month             |
| 130  | Lalita Sarkar     | 65  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Nadia(W.B)                | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 131  | Purnima Mandal    | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Sana Pur,W.B              | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 1Year              |
| 132  | Shaifali Dey      | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Vardhman,W.B              | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 4Years             |
| 133  | Sarobini Sigdar   | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Kalimala,Orrisa           | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 26Years            |
| 134  | Vipula Das        | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Vardhman,W.B              | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 12Years            |
| 135  | Usha Bishwas      | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Agrai,W.B                 | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | Nil                |
| 136  | Santoshi Kashyap  | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Khare Gram,W.B            | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 5Years             |
| 137  | Urvashi Kashyap   | 55  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Dhoni Gram,W.B            | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 138  | Shaifali Dasi     | 55  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Dinankpur,W.B             | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 15Years            |
| 139  | Dipali Dasi       | 72  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Malda,W.B                 | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 40Years            |
| 140  | Raghu Das         | 80  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Bidan Nagar,Kolkatta      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 15Years            |
| 141  | Gaini Das         | 90  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Durg,C.G                  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 20Years            |

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| 142  | Devki Dasi           | 80  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Bandal,WB           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 35Years            |
| 143  | Nirmala Datt         | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Shanti Pur,W.B      | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 144  | Mona Das             | 75  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Hugli,W.B           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 1Year              |
| 145  | Kanun Bala Das       | 70  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Chandnagar,W.b      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 146  | Laki Patro           | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Medini Pur,W.B      | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 20Years            |
| 147  | Bharti Mandal        | 62  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 148  | Urmila Bairagi       | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B         | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 149  | Shanti Bala Adhikari | 80  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Shantipur,W.B       | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 150  | Shanti Bala Adhikari | 62  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Krishna Nagar(W.B)  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 151  | Renuka Bishwas       | 62  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Vashi Ghat,W.B      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 152  | Molina Das           | 75  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Nadia(W.B)          | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 153  | Mina Devi            | 70  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Mahinam,Darbhanga   | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 154  | Anu Haldhar          | 57  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Nadia(W.B)          | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 155  | Maya Shah            | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Hatia,W.B           | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 156  | Ranjan Ben           | 65  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Amreli,Gujrat       | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 157  | Sadhana Samundar     | 65  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Bethua Dohri,W.B    | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 1Year              |
| 158  | Shiwani Mandal       | 40  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Kaudhi,W.B          | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 1Year              |
| 159  | Anima Haldhar        | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B      | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 6Year              |
| 160  | Durga Rani Pal       | 65  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Haidarpara,Siligudi | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 6Year              |
| 161  | Rani Mandal          | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B      | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 162  | Shanta Bishwas       | 70  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 163  | KamalWati            | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Bilaspur,MP         | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 164  | Jhuru Pal            | 70  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Vardhman,W.B        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 6Year              |
| 165  | Manju Haldhar        | 62  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Vardhman,W.B        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |

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| 166  | Kanaklata        | 66  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Naudia,Kolkatta      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 7Years             |
| 167  | B.K.Akhilesh     | 50  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Bridha Vihar,Mathura | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 168  | Saraswati Sharma | 62  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Sagar (M.P)          | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 169  | Mahadevi         | 65  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Hathras              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 170  | Tulsidas         | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Medini Pur,W.B       | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 171  | Santoshi Ghosh   | 50  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B       | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 172  | Gomati Bai       | 61  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Bhopal,M.P           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 15Years            |
| 173  | Kapoorra         | 62  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Purlia,W.B           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 1Year              |
| 174  | Bhagwati Devi    | 65  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Purlia,W.B           | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 12Years            |
| 175  | Savita Nath      | 62  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B       | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 176  | Sushma Mandal    | 65  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Bastar,W.B           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 177  | Lalita Sarkar    | 72  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Shantipur,W.B        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 178  | Shobha Rani Pal  | 50  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Vardhman,W.B         | Widow   | Yes         | Yes       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 179  | Sajja Datt       | 70  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Naudia,W.B           | Widow   | Yes         | Yes       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 180  | Pushpa Rani Das  | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Naudia,W.B           | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 181  | Kajori           | 50  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Purlia,W.B           | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 182  | Geeta Mandal     | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Savroop Nagar,W.B    | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 183  | Shiwani Haldhar  | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Maudia,W.B           | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 184  | Adri Ghosh       | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Vardhman,W.B         | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 185  | Narayani Dasi    |     | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Nepal                | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 1Year              |
| 186  | Renu Adhikari    |     | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B          | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 187  | Sumukhi Devdas   |     | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan |                      | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 188  | Vimala Sharma    |     | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan |                      | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 1Year              |
| 189  | Sachhin Shakti   | 45  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | NayaGarh,W.B         | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |

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| 190  | Ashoka Das           | 45  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Chandnagar,W.b          | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 1Year              |
| 191  | Sudha Pal            | 75  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B             | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 1Year              |
| 192  | Devi Ghosh           | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Balchir,W.B             | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 193  | Devki Dasi           | 62  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Bhuneshwar,Orrisa       | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 194  | Geeta Pal            | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B             | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 195  | Shanti Bala Adhikari | 80  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Shantipur,W.B           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 5Years             |
| 196  | Javitri Tomar        | 70  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Kolkatta                | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 197  | Lila Das             | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Lajpat Nagar,Delhi      | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 198  | Saraswati Sahoo      | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Dharaspur,W.B           | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 199  | Anita Sahoo          | 30  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | W.B                     | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 200  | Shanti Gupta         | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Bhopal,M.P              | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 201  | Rama Kshatriya       | 64  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Sagar (M.P)             | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 1Year              |
| 202  | Radha Day            | 50  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B             | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 203  | Usha Das             | 63  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B             | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 4Years             |
| 204  | Shiv Kumari          | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Sipri ,W.B              | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 205  | Rama Nandi           | 62  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Ata,U.P                 | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 206  | Devi Dasi            | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | W.B                     | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 1Years             |
| 207  | Basant Ragani        | 60  | Mahila Ashrya sadan Chaitanya Vihar-II Vrindavan | Bakuda,W.B              | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 208  | Ramdhuri Dasi        | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Naudala,W.B             | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 12Years            |
| 209  | Rajeshwari Ghosh     | 76  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Rajnagar,Kolkatta       | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 15Years            |
| 210  | Geeta Bashu          | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Puratan Bazar,Kolkatta  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 15Years            |
| 211  | Meera Dasi           | 66  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Orrisa                  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Married        | 13Years            |
| 212  | Pratima Sen          | 64  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Shriram Pur,Bangaladesh | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Married        | 8Years             |
| 213  | Radha Karmakar       | 63  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Vardhman,W.B            | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 8Years             |

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| 214  | Aloka samdatt     | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B               | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 215  | Maya Chakrobarati | 68  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Kunj Vihar,Kolkatta       | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          |                    |
| 216  | Savita Dev Nath   | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Kolkatta                  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          |                    |
| 217  | Nirmala Sen       | 75  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Bakuda,Kolkatta           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          |                    |
| 218  | Suparna Dasi      | 66  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Gaud                      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          |                    |
| 219  | Sumiti Bishwas    | 72  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Naudia,W.B                | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          |                    |
| 220  | Thakuri Dasi      | 74  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Shanti Nagar,Bangaladesh  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          |                    |
| 221  | Shanti Haldhar    | 68  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Bangala Desh              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          |                    |
| 222  | Saraswati sarkar  | 66  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Savroop Nagar,W.B         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 12Years            |
| 223  | Bharti Sarkar     | 75  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Savroop Nagar,W.B         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 15Years            |
| 224  | Lila Sarkar       | 68  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Parul Kot                 | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 225  | Lila De           | 64  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Vardhman                  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 8Years             |
| 226  | Basana Dasi       | 62  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Kolkatta                  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 6Year              |
| 227  | Mohini Bala       | 62  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargona ,Kolkatta         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 9Years             |
| 228  | Sandhaya Haldhar  | 62  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargona ,Kolkatta         |         | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 229  | Usha De           | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Kunjvihar,Kolkatta        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 14Years            |
| 230  | Kanan Dasi        | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Dinaspur Kolkatta         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 6Year              |
| 231  | Rani Mukhargee    | 66  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Guru Ashram Since 20Years | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Divose         | 20Years            |
| 232  | Kamala Haldhar    | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Malda,Kolkatta            | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Married        | 6Year              |
| 233  | Madhvi Goshwami   | 64  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Naudia,Kolkatta           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 15Years            |
| 234  | Subhadra Karmakar | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Chand Pur,kolkatta        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 20Years            |
| 235  | Renuka Dasi       | 56  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargona,Bangaladesh       | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 8Years             |
| 236  | Lokhi Dasi        | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Virbhumi,Kolkatta         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 15Years            |
| 237  | Tulsi Dasi        | 72  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Virbhumi,Kolkatta         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 14Years            |

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| 238  | Saraswati Thanedar | 72  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Mausidabad,Kolkatta        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 14Years            |
| 239  | Nauni Bala Bhaumik | 62  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Nadia,Bangaladesh          | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         |                    |
| 240  | Bhakti Dasi        | 67  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Nadia,W.B                  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         |                    |
| 241  | Kali Dasi Pal      | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargona,Kolkatta           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         |                    |
| 242  | Prema Dasi         | 63  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Vivekanand Mandir,Kolkatta | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         |                    |
| 243  | Dukho Sarkar       | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Savroop Nagar,Kolkatta     | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 244  | Deepa Karmakar     | 62  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Dhuni,Kolkatta             | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 8Years             |
| 245  | Surdhani Adhikari  | 56  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargona,                   | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 9Years             |
| 246  | Kamala Aggarwal    | 45  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Borgaud,Orrisa             | Old Age | Yes         | 10th      | Widdow         | 4Years             |
| 247  | Malati De          | 67  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Kunjvihar,Bangaladesh      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 9Years             |
| 248  | Chinta Mani Mandal | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Sunarpur                   | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 249  | Saraswati Goldar   | 66  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Habra,Kolkatta             | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 12Years            |
| 250  | Pushpa Adhikari    | 55  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargona,Kolkatta           | Old Age | Yes         | 7th       | Widdow         | 7Years             |
| 251  | Radha Dasi         | 54  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Puri,Orrisa                | Old Age | Yes         | 6th       | Widdow         | 4Years             |
| 252  | Sandhaya Dasi      | 62  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Puri,Orrisa                | Old Age | Yes         | 5th       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 253  | Geeta Sutrodhar    | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Gauwalpara,Asam            | Old Age | Yes         | 5th       | Widdow         | 15Years            |
| 254  | Geeta Bishwas      | 56  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargona,Kolakatta          | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 12Years            |
| 255  | Kanak Prabha       | 56  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Kolkatta                   | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 15Years            |
| 256  | Aarati Dasi        | 62  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Nainital                   | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 8Years             |
| 257  | Gyani Bala Dasi    | 78  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Veer Bhumi ,Bangaladesh    | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 12Years            |
| 258  | Gauri Dasi         | 54  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Bargarh,Vijay Pur          | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 8Years             |
| 259  | Brijbala Adhikari  | 80  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Kunj Vihar,Tufan Gunj      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 15Years            |
| 260  | Vinodani Adhikari  | 62  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Kukra Jhar,Assam           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 10Years            |
| 261  | Moni Rai           | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Gola Bazar,Kolkatta        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 12Years            |

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| 262  | Gauri Dasi          | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Balughat,W.B             | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 12Years            |
| 263  | Pushpa Verma Dasi   | 62  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Narayan Pali,Bangaladesh | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 9Years             |
| 264  | Shyamali Dasi       | 66  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Nadia,Bangaladesh        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 15Years            |
| 265  | Parul Dasi          | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Tipura,Kolkatta          | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 266  | Lekha Mistri        | 68  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Nadia                    | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 267  | Deepali De          | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Kunj Vihar               | Old Age | Yes         | 5th       | Widow          | 12Years            |
| 268  | Arti Dasi           | 62  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Bakuda                   | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 269  | Pardo Bala Dasi     | 62  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Abhaya Puri,Assam        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 8Years             |
| 270  | Kamala Adhikari     | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Jai Nagar,Bangaladesh    | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 11Years            |
| 271  | Sandhaya Dasi       | 55  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Jalpaigudi               | Widow   | Yes         | 5th       | Widow          | 12Years            |
| 272  | Savita Rai(Basanti) | 56  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B           | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 8Years             |
| 273  | Usha Sarkar         | 66  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Jalpaigudi               | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 274  | Kalidasi Sarkar     | 64  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Malda                    | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 12Years            |
| 275  | Malti Kund          | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Gasia                    | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 12Years            |
| 276  | Sindhurani Siddar   | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Vardhman                 | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 11Years            |
| 277  | Lekhi Pal           | 56  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Nadia                    | Widow   | Yes         | 6th       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 278  | Subhadra Dasi       | 80  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 15Years            |
| 279  | Menka Dasi Mandal   | 55  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Sundarvan(W.B)           | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 12Years            |
| 280  | Dulali Dasi         | 66  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Nadia                    | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 12Years            |
| 281  | Radha Dasi          | 52  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Virbhumi,Kolkatta        | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 9Years             |
| 282  | Maya Devnath        | 63  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Habra,Kolkatta           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 283  | Ranibala Dasi       | 67  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Sabrim,Kolkatta          | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 9Years             |
| 284  | Kalyani Dasi        | 62  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B              |         | Yes         | 5th       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 285  | Alla Mala Kar       | 66  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |

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| 286  | Astami Sarkar     | 66  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 287  | Lata Mandal       | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Modini Pur            | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 288  | Sumitra Panda     | 68  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Bakuda                | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 12Years            |
| 289  | Phoolmala Haldhar | 56  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B           | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 290  | Maya Sarkar       | 66  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Nadia                 | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 291  | Chhoti Bai        | 64  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Umaria                |         | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 292  | Josana Mandal     | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 8Years             |
| 293  | Durga Dasi        | 52  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B           | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 6Year              |
| 294  | Kanak Rai         | 63  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 295  | Subhadra Ghosh    | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Naudia                |         | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 296  | Savitri Datt      | 52  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B           | Widow   | Yes         | 6th       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 297  | Mithlesh Sharma   | 66  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Assam                 | Old Age | Yes         | 5th       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 298  | Usha Mitra        | 56  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Siligudi              | Widow   | Yes         | 5th       | Widow          | 15Years            |
| 299  | Jharana Acharya   | 46  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B           | Widow   | Yes         | 10th      | Widow          | 6Year              |
| 300  | Parvati Dasi      | 67  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Baleshwar             | Old Age | Yes         | 5th       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 301  | Giribala Kundu    | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Medini Pur,W.B        | Old Age | Yes         | 6th       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 302  | Gauri Satara      | 67  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Hugli,W.B             | Old Age | Yes         | 6th       | Widow          | 9Years             |
| 303  | Anguribala Mandal | 52  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B           | Widow   | Yes         | 8th       | Widow          | 8Years             |
| 304  | Durga Devnath     | 63  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Hugli,W.B             | Old Age | Yes         | 5th       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 305  | Bharati Mandal    | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Nadia                 | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 306  | Ganga Bai         | 47  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Jagarnathpuri ,Orrisa | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 307  | Pratima Sarkar    | 46  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Patnawali Kunj        | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 6Year              |
| 308  | Renubala Banargee | 45  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Malkhani              | Widow   | Yes         | 5th       | Widow          | 9Years             |
| 309  | Hansi Devnath     | 55  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Vardhman              | Widow   | Yes         | 5th       | Widow          | 10Years            |



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| 310  | Gaitri Mandal        | 62  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 311  | Shobha Adhikari      | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Lakhimpura,Assam      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 12Years            |
| 312  | Tarangani Bishwas    | 66  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B           |         | Yes         | Nil       | Married        | 3Years             |
| 313  | Gaur Bhakti Das      | 62  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B           | Old Age | Yes         | 6th       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 314  | Sarathi Majmudar     | 64  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B           |         | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 315  | Shobha goshwami      | 66  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Navdeep               | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 316  | Prabha Mandal        | 62  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Married        | 3Years             |
| 317  | Saroma Barman        | 68  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Dinas pur             | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 318  | Josna Dasi           | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Nadia                 | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 319  | Chikan Bala Dasi     | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Nandipur,Naudia       | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 12Years            |
| 320  | Subhashini Shah      |     | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Naulbadi              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 321  | Lalita Mandal        | 56  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Habra,Kolkatta        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 6Year              |
| 322  | Subhashini Sarkar    | 66  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 8Years             |
| 323  | Phoolu Bishwas       | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Dinash Pur            | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 324  | Bina Datt            | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Hugli,W.B             |         | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 12Years            |
| 325  | Bhanu Dasi           | 55  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Vardhman              | Widow   | Yes         | 5th       | Widow          | 8Years             |
| 326  | Geeta Dasi           | 63  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B        | Old Age | Yes         | 5th       | Widow          | 9Years             |
| 327  | Shayamwati Dasi      | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Chhata,Mathura        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 328  | Lalita Mandal        | 54  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B        | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 6Year              |
| 329  | Kalyani Chand        | 52  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B           | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 8Years             |
| 330  | Sandhaya Chakrowarti | 64  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Bakuda                | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 6Year              |
| 331  | Kalidasi Bishwas     | 68  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Stay Here Only(Blind) | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 15Years            |
| 332  | Wasana Pandit        | 63  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Hasinabad,Kolkatta    | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 7Years             |
| 333  | Bharti Sarkar        | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 6Year              |

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| 334  | Shanti Datt        | 44  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | In The Guru Ashram       | Widdow  | Yes         | 10th      | Widdow         | 9Years             |
| 335  | Tulsi Bishwas      | 50  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Assam                    | Widdow  | Yes         | 6th       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 336  | Shobha Gayan       | 63  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 337  | Nirmala Karmkar    | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 338  | Jamuna Dasi        | 64  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 8Years             |
| 339  | Kalpna Mandal      | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B           | Old Age | Yes         | 5th       | Married        | 6Year              |
| 340  | Charubala Mistri   | 76  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 12Years            |
| 341  | Savitri Barman     | 64  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Bhabada                  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Married        | 3Years             |
| 342  | Hari Dasi          | 66  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Assam                    | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 343  | Parmila Dasi       | 52  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B           | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 344  | Mukul Haldhar      | 48  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Hugli,W.B                |         |             | Nil       | Widdow         | 4Years             |
| 345  | Uaha Dasi          | 63  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Hans Pur                 | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 346  | Tulsi Dasi         | 42  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Guru Ashram Since 8Years | Widdow  | Yes         | 6th       | Widdow         | 8Years             |
| 347  | Shankari Dasi      |     | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 348  | Bibha Dasi         | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Married        | 4Years             |
| 349  | Rekha Rai          | 64  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Paragana                 | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 350  | Shayama Dasi       | 42  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Guru Ashram              | Widdow  | Yes         | 6th       | Widdow         | 9Years             |
| 351  | Rajeshwari Dasi    | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 5Years             |
| 352  | Meeta Sarkar       | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Guru Ashram              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 12Years            |
| 353  | Sushma Chatargee   | 62  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Purlia,W.B               |         |             | Nil       | Widdow         | 6Month             |
| 354  | Malati dasi Sarkar | 62  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Dinaspur                 |         | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         |                    |
| 355  | Lila Dasi          | 67  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Tundla                   |         | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 356  | Sarobha Rai        | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Assam                    |         | Yes         | 3rd       | Widdow         | 8Years             |
| 357  | Saraswati Dasi     | 62  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan |                          |         | Yes         | 3rd       | Widdow         | 9Years             |

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| 358  | Meera Jha           | 62  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Darbhanga         |         | Yes         | 3rd       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 359  | Parvati Mandal      | 63  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Mursidabad,W.B    |         | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Month             |
| 360  | Shila               | 53  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B       | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 361  | Itwar Bai           | 64  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Benpur,Bangal     | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 6Year              |
| 362  | Chandan Haldhar     | 42  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Orrisa            | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 363  | Radha Dasi          | 58  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Sakh Pur,Mathura  | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 364  | Shrimati Singh      | 58  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Basai Gaon,Atta   | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 365  | Laxmi Bai           | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Darbhanga         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 366  | Ranwi Bai/Janak Ram | 69  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Rampura,U.P       | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 367  | Janki Bai           | 63  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Atta              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 6Year              |
| 368  | Pushpa Devi         | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Kasajung          | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 369  | Kamala Bai          | 62  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Raua,Bhopal       | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 7Years             |
| 370  | Savrajlata          | 58  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Sakh Pur,Mathura  | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 15Years            |
| 371  | Parmeshwari Devi    | 64  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Tanakpur,Atta     | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 18Year             |
| 372  | Alka Devi           | 55  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Gandhi pur,Gujrat | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 20Years            |
| 373  | Triveni Kushwaha    | 62  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Sultan Pur,U.P    | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 8Years             |
| 374  | Dhanati Bai         | 65  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Ramdwar,M.P       | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Old            | 6Year              |
| 375  | Premati             | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Sultan Pur,U.P    | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 6Year              |
| 376  | Prema Rani          | 59  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Sakh Pur,Mathura  | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 20Years            |
| 377  | BudhoRani           | 62  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Sakh Pur,Mathura  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Old            | 15Years            |
| 378  | Aruna Devi          | 46  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Pathwari          | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 379  | Kamalawati          | 44  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Ajamgarh          | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 380  | Shayamlata          | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Rajpur,Mathura    | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Old            | 4Years             |
| 381  | Hari Priya          | 62  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Rajpur,Mathura    | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Old            | 2Years             |

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| 382  | Anita Baroi       | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Navdeep                | Widow   | Yes         | 8th       | Widow          | 19Years            |
| 383  | Durga chakrowarti | 61  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Navdeep                | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 19Years            |
| 384  | Badi Bai          | 58  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Gaura Nagar,Vrindavan  | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 385  | Naini Bai         | 62  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B         | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 19Years            |
| 386  | Jamuna Mandal     | 56  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Vardhman               | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          |                    |
| 387  | Urmila Bairagi    | 62  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Gaura Nagar,Vrindavan  | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          |                    |
| 388  | Fardeen           | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Gaura Nagar,Vrindavan  | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          |                    |
| 389  | Sapna Devnath     | 46  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Vardhman               | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          |                    |
| 390  | Sidheswari        | 66  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Darbhanga              | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 7Years             |
| 391  | Asha Bagh         | 75  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Habra,Kolkatta         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 392  | Bina Bai          | 70  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Gaura Nagar,Vrindavan  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 393  | Tara Das          | 70  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B            | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 394  | Kanun Bala Das    | 70  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Chandan Nagar,W.B      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 1Year              |
| 395  | Shaifali Dasi     | 65  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Raigunj,W.B            | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 396  | Laki Ghosh        | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Malda                  | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 397  | Kiran Mahajan     | 27  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Mani Majara,Chandigarh | Widow   | Yes         | Yes       | Unmarried      | 3Years             |
| 398  | Devki Mandal      | 45  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Nadia                  | Widow   | Yes         | Yes       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 399  | Manju Rai         | 48  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Kakeshara,Bangal       | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 8Years             |
| 400  | Subhadra Tiwari   | 62  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Vijay Nagar,Atta       | Old Age | Yes         | Yes       | Widow          | 14Years            |
| 401  | Laki              | 51  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Krishna Nagar(W.B)     | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 402  | Bajjanti Devi     | 68  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Bhar Gaon,Mathura      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 403  | Munni Devi        | 65  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | MainPuri               | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 15Years            |
| 404  | Bhagwati          | 63  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Sundarvan(W.B)         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 6Year              |
| 405  | Lajja Devi        | 53  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Sikandar Colony,M.P    | Widow   | Yes         | Yes       | Widow          | 4Years             |

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| 406  | Snehlata           | 56  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Bondala,U.P           | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 407  | Padma              | 49  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Bondala,U.P           | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 5Years             |
| 408  | Parvati            | 61  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Radha Niwas,Vrindavan | Old Age | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 12Years            |
| 409  | Geeta Devi         | 46  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Farah,U.P             | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 5Years             |
| 410  | Maya Devi          | 45  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Vijay nagar ,Mathura  | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 12Years            |
| 411  | Kela Devi          | 48  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Radha Niwas,Vrindavan | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 20Years            |
| 412  | Shobha             | 50  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Vijay Nagar,Agra      | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 413  | Rajkishori         | 54  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Tilak Nagar Gwalior   | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 414  | Sundar Mandal      | 52  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Nathpura,Kolkatta     | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 4Years             |
| 415  | Jyoti Roopa        | 55  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Habra,Kolkatta        | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 416  | Meera Devi         | 48  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Gwalior,M.P           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 417  | Abha Sarkar        | 70  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Shakti Garh,M.P       | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 418  | Namita Prasad      | 50  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Vardhman,W.B          | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 1Year              |
| 419  | Kawalmati          | 54  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Bilaspur,MP           | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 4Years             |
| 420  | Minnati Datt       |     | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Pilsiman ,Kolkatta    | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 8Years             |
| 421  | Malani Rai         | 69  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Naudia                | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 422  | Suhagi Mandal      | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Mursidabad,W.B        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 423  | Shibu Pal          | 68  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Nodia                 | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 5Years             |
| 424  | Basana Bishwas     | 47  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Pargana,W.B           | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 7Years             |
| 425  | Malati dasi Sarkar | 95  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Pargana,W.B           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 40Years            |
| 426  | Urmila Thekedar    | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Mursidabad,W.B        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Married        | 9Years             |
| 427  | Lalita Dasi Ist    | 105 | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Hugli,W.B             | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 26Years            |
| 428  | Radha Mandal       | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Muslanghpur,Kolkatta  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 429  | Menaka Datt        | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Vardhman              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 11Years            |

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| 430  | Rupsi Bishwas        | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Naudia                 | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 30Yers             |
| 431  | Bandana Mandal       | 48  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B            | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 7Years             |
| 432  | Binapani Pal         | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Bakada                 | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 15Years            |
| 433  | Kunji Singh          | 55  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Damdham                | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 434  | Devi Manjhi          | 52  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Shipalli               | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 7Years             |
| 435  | Rajeshawari Dasi     | 48  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Badgarh,Orrisa         | Widdow  | Yes         | 7th       | Widdow         |                    |
| 436  | Anchala Dasi         | 45  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Udaypur,Orrisa         | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         |                    |
| 437  | Iti Majmudar         | 40  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Durgapur               | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         |                    |
| 438  | Shanti Ghosh         | 83  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Vardhman               | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         |                    |
| 439  | Sudha Sen            | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B            | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         |                    |
| 440  | Chhaya Devi          | 43  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Orrisa                 | Widdow  | Yes         | 8th       | Widdow         |                    |
| 441  | Savitri Dasi         | 59  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Bendel,W.B             | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         |                    |
| 442  | Basanti Sarkar       | 59  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Khulana                | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 443  | Kamala Dasi          | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Hugli,W.B              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 13Years            |
| 444  | Gauri Dasi           | 59  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B            | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 445  | Manu Ghosh           | 76  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Kolkatta               | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 20Years            |
| 446  | Geeta Bairagi        | 39  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Malkhangiri            | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 9Years             |
| 447  | Shankari Dasi        | 81  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Medini Pur,W.B         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 35Years            |
| 448  | Gauri Dasi           | 50  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Vardhman               | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 449  | Pabha Dasi           | 49  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | KanakPur               | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 4Years             |
| 450  | Shobha Rani Adhikari | 80  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Sonpur                 | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 5Years             |
| 451  | Basanti Mandal       | 57  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Veer Bhumi ,Bangladesh | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 4Years             |
| 452  | Bhagwati Dasi        | 40  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B         | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 453  | Tulawati Dasi        | 75  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Vardhman,W.B           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 10Years            |

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| 454  | Dropaji Jha        | 68  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Munjer,Bihar                 | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 455  | Gaitri Dasi        | 75  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Shivdi                       | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 7Years             |
| 456  | Anand Mayee        |     | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Virbhum                      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 457  | Ganga Patra        |     | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Medini Pur,W.B               | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 458  | Biram Sah          |     | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Navdeep                      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 15Years            |
| 459  | Vimla Das          |     | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B                  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 460  | Tanushree Das      |     | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Medini Pur,W.B               | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 461  | Lokhi ChaKrobariti |     | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Kolkatta                     | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 8Years             |
| 462  | Shanti             |     | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Sunar Pur                    | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 40Years            |
| 463  | Sushila Dasi       | 66  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B                  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 6Year              |
| 464  | Annahari Kha       | 85  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Bakuda                       | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 12Years            |
| 465  | Sadhana Dasi       | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B                  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 15Years            |
| 466  | Binodini Pal       | 47  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Siligudi                     | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 8Years             |
| 467  | Aruni Devnath      | 48  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Navdeep                      | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 7Years             |
| 468  | Purnima Dasi       | 80  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Medini Pur,W.B               | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 30Years            |
| 469  | Binda Dasi         | 40  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Medini Pur,W.B               | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 30Years            |
| 470  | Dipali Dasi        | 60  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Baroma                       | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 471  | Kanan Mandal       | 50  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Udhamsingh Nagar             | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 8Years             |
| 472  | Bina Adhikari      | 69  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Sadhe Pur,Kolkatta           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 8Years             |
| 473  | Rani Das           | 75  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B                  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 11Years            |
| 474  | Bhawani Singh      | 75  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Mahatma Gandhi Road,Kolkatta | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 475  | Gauri Dasi         | 75  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B                  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 15Years            |
| 476  | Jayanti Shah       | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Navdeep                      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 477  | Vimala Gosai       | 75  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Vardhman                     | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |

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| 478  | Sagari Bala      | 54  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Kuchhvihar         | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 479  | Pratima Mandal   | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Married        | 5Years             |
| 480  | Thakuri Dasi     | 85  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Bendel,W.B         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 481  | Sarojini Devnath | 66  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Navdeep            | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 482  | Arti Sarkar      | 80  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Vikram Pur         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Married        | 12Years            |
| 483  | Nirmala Devnath  | 67  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Navdeep            | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 484  | Renu Shah        | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Naudia             | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Married        | 4Years             |
| 485  | Vasana Karmakar  | 55  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Hugli,W.B          | Widow   | No          | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 486  | Umasina          | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pilibhit           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Married        | 30Years            |
| 487  | Lekhi Dasi       | 75  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 16Y                |
| 488  | Kamala Mahini    | 90  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Vardhman           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 489  | Patang Bishwas   | 75  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 8Years             |
| 490  | Shanjana Sharma  | 68  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Lokin Pur          | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 11Years            |
| 491  | Sadhana Dasi     | 35  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B        | No      | Yes         | Nil       | Married        | 3Years             |
| 492  | Renu Shah-II     | 80  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Moddam             | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       |                | 18Year             |
| 493  | Pushpa Dasi      | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Malda              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 494  | Lalita Dasi Ist  | 75  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Kuchhvihar         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       |                | 15Years            |
| 495  | Maya Mandal      | 60  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Kuchhvihar         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 8Years             |
| 496  | Subhadra Sarkar  | 63  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Krishna Nagar(W.B) | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Married        | 5Years             |
| 497  | Chandra Dasi     | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Chambal Pur,Orrisa | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 498  | Bani Mukharjee   | 72  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Vardhman           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Married        | 2Years             |
| 499  | Arti Pal         | 55  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Habra,Kolkatta     | Widow   | No          | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 500  | Maharani Mandal  | 72  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 11Years            |
| 501  | Minnauti Ghar    | 68  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Guahati,Assam      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 12Years            |



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| 502  | Radharani Mishra    | 40  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Gorakhpur          | Widow   | Yes         | B.A       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 503  | Lalita Majumdar     | 55  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Maniktala,Kolkatta | Old Age | Yes         | 9th       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 504  | Kunjata Dasi        | 42  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Hugli,W.B          | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 6Year              |
| 505  | Binita Ben          | 55  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Vardhman           | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 12Years            |
| 506  | Sanda Dasi          | 75  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Dineshpur          | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 46Y                |
| 507  | Ramuni Mandal       | 80  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 40Years            |
| 508  | Shiwani Sarkar      | 46  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B        | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 509  | Mahimaya Sarkar     | 80  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Vardhman           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 12Years            |
| 510  | Kamala Shah         | 72  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Naudia             | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 20Years            |
| 511  | Neela Bishwas       | 76  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B        | Widow   | Yes         | 6th       | Widow          | 35Years            |
| 512  | Parul Ghosh         | 48  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Bakuda             | Widow   | Yes         |           |                |                    |
| 513  | Taramani Rai        | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Kolapur            | Old Age | Yes         |           |                |                    |
| 514  | Geeta Rani Majmudar | 54  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Naudia             | Widow   | Yes         |           |                |                    |
| 515  | Ahilya Dasi         | 49  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Hugli,W.B          | Widow   | Yes         |           |                |                    |
| 516  | Dipali Deh          | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Kuchhvihar         | Widow   | Yes         |           |                |                    |
| 517  | Usha Sarkar         | 72  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Sonapur            | Old Age | Yes         |           |                |                    |
| 518  | Lekhi Haldhar       | 85  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Vardhman           | Old Age | Yes         |           |                |                    |
| 519  | Jaimala Mandal      | 55  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Vardhman           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 520  | Amri Thikedar       | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Naudia             | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 521  | Hari priya          | 46  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Vardhman           | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 522  | Jhunu Bishwas       | 60  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B     | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 18Year             |
| 523  | Jayanti Dasi        | 46  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Balagarh,M.P       | Widow   | Yes         | 6th       | Widow          | 12Years            |
| 524  | Radha Dasi          | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Puri,Orrisa        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 1Year              |
| 525  | Lavya Dasi          | 80  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Orrisa             | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |

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| 526  | Malti Potda        | 62  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Puri,Orrisa            | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Married        | 2Years             |
| 527  | Rekha Majmudar     | 50  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Malsan Giri            | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 528  | Jharana Acharya    | 45  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B            | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 7Years             |
| 529  | Phoolu Bishwas     | 67  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Vardhman               | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 530  | Roopa Das          | 63  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Kuchhvihar             | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 531  | Geeja Rai          | 51  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Muranda                | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 7Years             |
| 532  | Sumitra Dasi       | 53  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Naudia                 | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 4Years             |
| 533  | Shanti Pal         | 50  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Malda                  | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 534  | Arju mandal        | 50  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Naudia                 | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 5Years             |
| 535  | Ila Chaudhari      | 48  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B            | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 7Years             |
| 536  | Madhavi Lata Dev   | 80  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Patna                  | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 537  | Savitri Hira       | 40  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Malkhangiri            | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 4Years             |
| 538  | Karuna Sarkar      | 55  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B            | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 539  | Radha Rani         | 80  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Tripura                | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 4Years             |
| 540  | Manju Das          | 55  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Medini Pur,W.B         | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 4Years             |
| 541  | Shipra Chakrovarti | 50  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Vardhman               | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 7Years             |
| 542  | Gauri Dasi         | 53  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Naudia                 | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 5Years             |
| 543  | Milanbala Dasi     | 52  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Veer Bhumi ,Bangladesh | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 544  | Parul Dasi         | 50  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Garh Chirauli          | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 15Years            |
| 545  | Sajjo Mandal       | 49  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B            | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 546  | Savita Mandal      | 55  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Garh Chirauli          | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 10Years            |
| 547  | Kunjata Dasi       | 50  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Salam Pur              | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 7Years             |
| 548  | Subhadra Mandal    | 75  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B            | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 8Years             |
| 549  | Sashani Sarkar     | 72  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B            | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 5Years             |

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| 550  | Kalyani Nayak       | 70  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Vardhman         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 551  | Lekha Bhattacharya  | 75  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Pargana,W.B      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 7Years             |
| 552  | Basanti Bishwas     | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Pargana,W.B      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 553  | Snehlatawas         | 67  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Bakuda           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 554  | Reeta Bhattacharya  | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Pargana,W.B      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Married        | 6Year              |
| 555  | Shanti Adhikari     | 68  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Vardhman         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 556  | Derga Kundu         | 54  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Mursidabad,W.B   | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 557  | Anima Sadhu         | 55  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Hugli,W.B        | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 558  | Jamuna Pal          | 65  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Naudia           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 12Years            |
| 559  | Putul Majmudar      | 85  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Durgapur         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 560  | Purnima Ghosh       | 50  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Vardhman         | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 561  | Sandhaya Dasi       | 67  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Bakuda           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 562  | Minauti Das         | 52  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Pargana,W.B      | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 6Year              |
| 563  | Rekha Rani          | 50  | Meera Mahila Ashrya,BhutGali,Vrindavan           | Pargana,W.B      | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 564  | Kajal Singh         | 55  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Bakuda           | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 565  | Rajkishori          | 75  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Gwalior,M.P      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 566  | Usha Sarkar         | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Harsanabad,W.B   | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 567  | Jyoti Roopa Dasi    | 64  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Masland Pur,W.B  | Widow   | Yes         | Yes       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 568  | Amar Devi           | 70  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Gajjabad,U.P     | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 1Year              |
| 569  | Prakashwati Bhargav | 72  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Heera Bagh,Agra  | Old Age | Yes         | Yes       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 570  | Karuna Das          | 70  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 1Year              |
| 571  | Sajja Datt          | 70  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Beria,W.B        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 572  | Sundar Mandal       | 50  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Gopinath Pur,W.B | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 9Years             |
| 573  | Bimala Yadav        | 71  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Damoh,M.P        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |

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| 574  | Tilak Kumar       | 70  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Hugli,W.B           | Old Age    | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 575  | Manju Rai         | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B         | Widdow     | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 576  | Kanak Patro       | 65  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Hugli,W.B           | Widdow     | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 1Year              |
| 577  | Kaushalaya mandal | 50  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B         | Widdow     | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 578  | Sarala Dasi       | 75  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B         | Old Age    | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 1Year              |
| 579  | Dhanti Bai        | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Gwalior,M.P         | Widdow     | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 1Year              |
| 580  | Rampayari         | 70  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Kalpad,Haryana      | Old Age    | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 1Year              |
| 581  | Radha Aggarawal   | 65  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Bargad,Orrisa       | Widdow     | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 1Year              |
| 582  | Renu              | 40  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Kalpad,Haryana      | Widdow     | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 1Year              |
| 583  | Dullu Mukhargee   | 85  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Chandan Nagar,W.B   | Old Age    | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 1Year              |
| 584  | Sushila Dasi      | 70  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Vashi Ghat,W.B      | Old Age    | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 30Years            |
| 585  | Yasoda Mandal     | 75  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B      | Old Age    | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 60Years            |
| 586  | Meena Ghosh       | 33  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Navdeep             | Handicaped | Yes         | Nil       | Unmarried      | 3Years             |
| 587  | Sushma Bishwas    | 65  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Navdeep             | Old Age    | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 588  | Vijori Das        | 72  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Medini Pur,W.B      | Widdow     | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 589  | Gulab Devi        | 64  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Auraiya,Kachausi    | Widdow     | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 590  | Meera Devi        | 72  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Auraiya,Kachausi    | Old Age    | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 591  | Vimla             | 65  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Sant Colony,Mathura | Widdow     | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |
| 592  | Kapoori           | 70  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Baidhnath,Jharkhand | Old Age    | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 593  | Maya Sharma       | 50  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Haridwar            | Widdow     | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 15Years            |
| 594  | Girirajji         | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Bharat Pur          | Widdow     | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 1Year              |
| 595  | Mahadevi          | 70  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Hathras             | Old Age    | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 596  | Mithlesh          | 80  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Bidisa,Bhopal       | Old Age    | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 597  | Thakur Ramwati    | 70  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Firojabad           | Old Age    | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 2Years             |

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| 598  | Janaki Devi     | 70  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Darbhanga,Bihar       | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 599  | Bijori Das      | 72  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Medini Pur,W.B        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 600  | Munni Devi      | 70  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Gandhi Nagar,Agra     | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 601  | Prem            | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Nagla,Mathura         | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 602  | B.K.Chandra     | 62  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Agra                  | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 1Year              |
| 603  | krishna Kalara  | 66  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Rewadi,Haryana        | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 604  | Bibha Rani Pal  | 50  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Balram Pur,Bihar      | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 20Years            |
| 605  | Yasoda          | 80  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Chitrakut             | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 606  | Asha Lata Dasi  | 65  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Bakuda                | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 25Years            |
| 607  | Dosana Shah     | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Navdeep               | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 608  | Laki Patro      | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Medini Pur,W.B        | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 25Years            |
| 609  | Sundar Mandal   | 70  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Rani Nagar,Kolkatta   | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 8Years             |
| 610  | Meera Devi      | 50  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Muraina,M.P           | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 611  | Dipti Datta     | 70  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Maya Pur,Kolkatta     | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 612  | Shakuntala Devi | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Krishna Nagar,Mathura | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 613  | Usha Sarkar     | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Hasnabad,Bangal       | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 614  | Geeta Pal       | 70  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Maddam,Kolkatta       | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 615  | Durga Sharma    | 65  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Gaura Nagar,Vrindavan | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 616  | Dipali Dasi     | 72  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Malda                 | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 617  | Laxmi Priya     | 35  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Rataudhi,Nepal        | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 618  | seema chauhan   | 50  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Ajmer,Raj             | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 619  | Jharana Sarkar  | 62  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Maddam,Kolkatta       | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 620  | Bimala Sharma   | 55  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Sauda,Vidisha         | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 621  | Soti Chaudhari  | 64  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Vardhman              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |

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| 622  | Geeta Karmokar    | 75  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Vardhman              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 623  | Shanti Thakur     | 65  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Gaura Nagar,Vrindavan | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 19Years            |
| 624  | Annapurna Panja   | 68  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Vardhman              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 625  | Brijlata          | 70  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Noda,mathura          | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 626  | Rajesh Aggarwal   | 55  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | balkeshwar,Agra       | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 627  | Rekha Sarkar      | 55  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Navdeep               | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 628  | Bimala Yadav      | 72  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Damoh,M.P             | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 629  | Ballu Baurai      | 50  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Gwalior,M.P           | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 630  | Shayama Sharma    | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Bidisa,Bhopal         | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 631  | Kamala bai        | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Siroha,M.P            | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 632  | Ayoshaya Bai      | 80  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Kanpur                | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 1Year              |
| 633  | Bhagwati          | 75  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Vardhman              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 634  | Unnati Kundu      | 70  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 635  | Vijay Laxmi       | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Manharpur,Kolkatta    | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 636  | Shashi Sharma     | 56  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B           | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 10Years            |
| 637  | Naini Bai         | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B           | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 6Year              |
| 638  | Rama Bai          | 64  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 639  | Bahura Bai        | 58  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 640  | Bhogmati          | 60  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Balipur,W.B           | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 8Years             |
| 641  | Laxmi Devi        | 50  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Bakuda                | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 4Years             |
| 642  | Rama bai Singh    | 62  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Ata                   | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 643  | Kusum Chandrabhan | 58  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Chandsi               | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 6Year              |
| 644  | Purnima           | 51  | Mahila Ashray Sadan,Chaitanay Vihar-II,Vrindavan | Vardhman              | Widow   | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 645  | Basanti Dasi      | 55  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan           | Naudia ,W.B           | Widow   | Yes         | Yes       | Widow          | 8Years             |

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| 646  | Swadeshi Bala  | 60  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Hugli,W.B             | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 10Years            |
| 647  | Rani Das       | 60  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B           | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 8Years             |
| 648  | Tarulata       | 52  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Dinaspur,W.B          | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 3Years             |
| 649  | Shanti Dasi    | 61  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B           | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 10Years            |
| 650  | Menka Dasi     | 62  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Naudia                | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 10Years            |
| 651  | Khukhubala     | 62  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Purilia,W.B           | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 12Years            |
| 652  | Paddo Datt     | 60  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B           | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 8Years             |
| 653  | Sunita Mandal  | 57  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Kandi,W.B             | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 12Years            |
| 654  | Anjali Hod     | 56  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Korapur,Orrisa        | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 11Years            |
| 655  | Subhadra       | 58  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Medanapur,W.B         | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 9Years             |
| 656  | Durga Datt     | 58  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Habra,Kolkatta        | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 12Years            |
| 657  | Lakhi Dasi     | 57  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Habra,Kolkatta        | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 15Years            |
| 658  | Subhadra Bai   | 61  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Naudia,W.B            | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 10Years            |
| 659  | Usha Dasi      | 60  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Gurunayasi,Maharaj    | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 8Years             |
| 660  | Renuka Dasi    | 70  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Habra,Kolkatta        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 5Years             |
| 661  | Mithila        | 58  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Vardhman              | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 14Years            |
| 662  | Hari Dasi      | 61  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Bipin Bihari          | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 15Years            |
| 663  | Noni Bala      | 59  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Maniram Bishwas       | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 12Years            |
| 664  | Pushpa Mandal  | 60  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B        | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 10Years            |
| 665  | Aalomati       | 58  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Naudia,W.B            | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 8Years             |
| 666  | Dropadi Dasi   | 61  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Vardhman              | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 10Years            |
| 667  | Geeta goshwmi  | 59  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Govind Goshwami       | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 12Years            |
| 668  | Basanti Dasi   | 58  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Annant Das            | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 11Years            |
| 669  | Arti Sutradhar | 54  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Radha raman Sutradhar | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 8Years             |

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| 670  | Nihal Mandal          | 62  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Shankar Mandal          | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 15Years            |
| 671  | Rina Guha             | 57  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Jasur,W.B               | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 8Years             |
| 672  | Shrimati Sarkar       | 62  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Kuchvihar,W.B           | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 15Years            |
| 673  | Devi                  | 58  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Mullu                   | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 10Years            |
| 674  | Bishwas               |     | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Veer Bhumi ,Bangaladesh |         | Yes         |           |                |                    |
| 675  | Vinapani              | 62  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Veer Bhumi ,Bangaladesh | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 14Years            |
| 676  | Mankhushi             | 63  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Korapur,Orrisa          | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 7Years             |
| 677  | Chhaya Adhikari       | 70  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Veer Bhumi ,Bangaladesh | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 13Years            |
| 678  | Kamala Dasi           | 61  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Dinaspur,W.B            | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 8Years             |
| 679  | Pushpa Mandal         | 55  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Naudia,W.B              | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 680  | Saraswati Chakrowarti | 73  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B             | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 5Years             |
| 681  | Usha Dasi             | 60  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Dinaspur,W.B            | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 7Years             |
| 682  | Renu Dasi             | 62  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Vardhman                | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 10Years            |
| 683  | Sabita Bhakt          | 61  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Malkhangiri,Orrisa      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 8Years             |
| 684  | Subhasini             | 74  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Durgapur                | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 12Years            |
| 685  | Kubja Haldhar         | 62  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B          | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 17Years            |
| 686  | Renu Bala             | 58  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Balughat,W.B            | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 5Years             |
| 687  | Mahamaya Haldhar      | 68  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Krishna Nagar           | Old Age | Yes         | Yes       | Married        | 8Years             |
| 688  | Rashi Bala            | 72  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Andal Pur,W.B           | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 16Years            |
| 689  | Anima Mandal          | 62  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B             | Old Age | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 5Years             |
| 690  | Geeta Sikandar        | 63  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Malkhan Giri,Orrisa     | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 7Years             |
| 691  | Saurabh Mirdha        | 68  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Vardhman                | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 10Years            |
| 692  | Haripriya Dasi        | 58  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Kandi,W.B               | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 693  | Kalidasi Pal          | 75  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Siligudi                | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 5Years             |



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| 694  | Kusum Mandal     | 56  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Malkhangiri,Orrisa   | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 5Years             |
| 695  | Madhwi lata      | 77  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B       | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 10Years            |
| 696  | Kalidasi         | 72  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B       | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 8Years             |
| 697  | Chapala          | 72  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Naudia               | Old Age | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 7Years             |
| 698  | Subhadra Bishwas | 55  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Dinaspur,W.B         | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 699  | Radha Rani       | 52  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Mukhsin Pur          | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 8Years             |
| 700  | Parvati Sarkar   | 63  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Dakur,Andman Nikobar | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 10Years            |
| 701  | Sadhana Gosai    | 61  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Habra,Kolkatta       | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         |                    |
| 702  | Malti Das        | 64  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Hatpak               | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 8Years             |
| 703  | Surbala          | 56  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan |                      | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 11Years            |
| 704  | Hiran Bala       | 62  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Purlia,W.B           | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 15Years            |
| 705  | Basanti Datt     | 59  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Vardhma              | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 12Years            |
| 706  | Noni Bala        | 62  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Vardhman             | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 10Years            |
| 707  | Maya Modak       | 63  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Durgapur             | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 14Years            |
| 708  | Sumitra Bishwas  | 70  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | MidanPur             | Old Age | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 709  | Kamala Dasi      | 57  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Malda                | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 710  | Dipali Nath      | 58  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Kolkatta             | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 7Years             |
| 711  | Panna Adhikari   | 64  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Tapan                | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 4Years             |
| 712  | Renu Rani        | 58  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Navrang Pur          | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 8Years             |
| 713  | Gaitri Dasi      | 62  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B          | Old Age | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 714  | Sushila Bala     | 59  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Naudia               | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 10Years            |
| 715  | Lila Chatargee   | 65  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Hugli,W.B            | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 11Years            |
| 716  | Aadari Mandal    | 60  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Dinajpur             | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 10Years            |
| 717  | Narayani Mandal  | 63  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B       | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 8Years             |

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| 718  | Yogmaya         | 57  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan               | Habra,Kolkatta     | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 719  | Amela Sasi      | 57  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan               | Mursidabad,W.B     | Widdow  | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 5Years             |
| 720  | Aparna          | 72  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan               | Kandi,W.B          | Old Age | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 721  | Bishakha Dasi   | 58  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan               | Jasur,W.B          | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 5Years             |
| 722  | Aarti Sarkar    | 63  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan               | Pusulua            | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 5Years             |
| 723  | Meghu Dasi      | 61  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan               | Naudia             | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 5Years             |
| 724  | Swarnmayee Dasi | 62  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan               | Vardhman           | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 7Years             |
| 725  | Arti Sarkar     | 57  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan               | Tripura            | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 5Years             |
| 726  | Shankari Mandal | 60  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan               | Habra,Kolkatta     | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 6Year              |
| 727  | Jharana Mandal  | 60  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan               | Durgapur           | Old Age | Yes         | Yes       | Widdow         | 5Years             |
| 728  | Pramila Mandal  | 63  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan               | Rajghat            | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 7Years             |
| 729  | Ashoka Rani     | 57  | Sita Ram Sadan,Ramanuj Nagar Vrindavan               | Mursidabad,W.B     | Widdow  | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 7Years             |
| 730  | Renubala        | 86  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B        | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 15Years            |
| 731  | Budhmati Dasi   | 90  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Jhapada,Purulia    | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 15Years            |
| 732  | Radha Rani      | 76  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B        | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 15Years            |
| 733  | Vanyalo Ghosh   | 83  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Bakuda             | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 16Years            |
| 734  | Vidha           | 35  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Farid Pur,Gaziabad | Nil     | Nil         |           | Married        | 1Year              |
| 735  | Shankar         | 95  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Itava              | Nil     | Nil         |           | Married        | 1Year              |
| 736  | Sima Yadav      | 35  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Rapata,Assam       | Nil     | Nil         | 12th      | Unmarried      | 1Year              |
| 737  | Sukumari Datta  | 92  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Silhat             | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 21years            |
| 738  | Lalita Dasi Ist | 77  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Dhaka              | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 22years            |
| 739  | Charu Bala      | 96  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Machwarua          | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 22years            |
| 740  | Surbala Pal     | 76  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Kachua,selet       | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 25Years            |
| 741  | Geeta Mohanti   | 71  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Medini Pur,W.B     | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widdow         | 25Years            |

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| 742  | Subhadra Pal        | 72  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Purlia,W.B          | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 25Years            |
| 743  | Vimla Rai           | 81  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Nirala Nagar,kanpur | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Month             |
| 744  | Basanti Chakrowarti | 75  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B         | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Month             |
| 745  | Mala shah           | 66  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Hugli,W.B           | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 746  | Kaushalaya          | 71  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Purlia,W.B          | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 2Years             |
| 747  | Bindu Rai           | 76  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B         | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Married        | 30Years            |
| 748  | Usha Bhadra         | 88  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Jashahar            | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 31Years            |
| 749  | Ujwala Goshami      | 92  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Damdham,Kolkatta    | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 39years            |
| 750  | Manorma Mishra      | 23  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Kulti,Vardhman      | Nil     | Nil         | 12th      | Unmarried      | 3Years             |
| 751  | Alladini            | 77  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | assam               | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 752  | Minoti Sinha        | 75  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Hugli,W.B           | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 753  | Jyotshana           | 71  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Jalpai Gudi         | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 754  | Kavti Nandi         | 68  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B         | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 755  | Tilabaji            | 74  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B         | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 756  | Rani Bala Ghosh     | 78  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B         | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 3Years             |
| 757  | Hari Dasi           | 89  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Bakuda              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 40Years            |
| 758  | Sushila Tiwari      | 79  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Baloor              | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 40Years            |
| 759  | Maithla De          | 80  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Mursidabad,W.B      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 40Years            |
| 760  | Alo Rani            |     | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Vardhman            | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 40Years            |
| 761  | Manda Aich          | 90  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Machwaria           | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 45years            |
| 762  | Hari Dasi           | 81  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Nutan bada,Assam    | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 45years            |
| 763  | Subhadra Das        | 82  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Ishpur              | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 48years            |
| 764  | Kanak Lata Adhikari | 84  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Medanapur,W.B       | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 50Years            |
| 765  | Krishna Ghosh       | 84  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Durgapur            | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 50Years            |

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| 766  | Satya Sah         | 95  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Kamar Ghat      | Old Age | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 58Years            |
| 767  | Rani bala Gadhai  | 81  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Bakuda          | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 59Years            |
| 768  | Anita Jatav       | 30  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Chipi Toli,Agra | Nil     | Nil         | 5th       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 769  | Savitri           | 77  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Pargana,W.B     | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 5Years             |
| 770  | Soni Pal          | 61  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Tripura         | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Married        | 5Years             |
| 771  | Chaitanya Dasi    | 83  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Medanapur,W.B   | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 60Years            |
| 772  | Sudha Mukhagee    | 67  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Chhatisgarh     | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Married        | 6Year              |
| 773  | Chabi Datt        | 72  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Nadia           | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 7Years             |
| 774  | Parul Chakrowarti | 77  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Binajuri        | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 8Years             |
| 775  | Sudha Chattargee  | 83  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Purulua         | Nil     | Yes         | Nil       | Widow          | 8Years             |
| 776  | Chapla Rai        | 35  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Nirala Nagar    | Nil     | Nil         |           | Married        |                    |
| 777  | Radha Goshwami    | 24  | Akhil bhartiya Mahila Parisar Taras Mandir Vrindavan | Vrindavan       | Nil     | Nil         | 7th       | Married        |                    |

## **PRIMARY DATA ANALYSIS - CASE STUDIES**

### **WIDOWS : WOMEN WHO COME TO VRINDAVAN BECAUSE THEY HAD NO OPTION**

**Case 1:** Shyama Sharma is 65 years old. She lives in Asharay Mahila Sadan and is a widow without any children. Born in 1944 in a small village of U.P. near Gwalior she was married at the age of 8yrs. In 1989 after her husband died she says "jethani ke bachcho ne angutha lagwa liya" meaning she lost her home and property to her husband's elder brothers children. She left home and came to Vrindavan and started living with other women behind the Banke Bihari temple. Now she lives in the ashram and says "I get a pension but the passbook is with madam. Once I burnt my hand and the doctor here said that he does not have any medicine. This how life is I guess what is destined will be".

**Case 2:** Kamla Sarkar is 60 years old and lives in the Meera Sehbhagini Pagal Baba Ashram. She is a widow and came to the ashram 5 years ago. She says " I have two sons and two daughters. But we are so poor that I feel even they should come here. She has no desire to go back home.

**Case 3:** Urmila Dasi is 50 years old. She came to Vrindavan 9 years ago, after her husband's death, with her daughter who is now married and lives in Vrindavan. Initially she worked as a maid to raise her daughter and after her marriage she shifted to the Pagal Baba Ashram and has been there since 3yrs. She says "my daughters husband is also no good and her life is a misery so where is the possibility of her taking care of me".

**Case 4:** Charubala Debnath is a 70 years old widow who lives in Laxmikanth Kunj at Gopinath Bazar. She pays a rent of Rs105 for shared accommodation. Her home is in Tripura. She says " I just have one daughter and we are extremely poor. I am so old that living here is a task especially when I fall sick. I would like to go back home if the government in Tripura can help me with the means of living the rest of my life".

**Case 5:** Parvati Dasi is a 70 years old widow who lives in rented accommodation at Patharpura. She was married at the age 12 and widowed at 15 years. She says "I lived with my in laws for 5 years after my husband's death. They harassment was unbearable, both physical and emotional. I was blamed for everything including my husband's death. I left their home one day and started working as a maid in people's home but I faced sexual harassment in the places I worked so I left and came to Vrindavan". In Vrindavan she worked as maid for almost 10 years and now the bhajan ashrams are her only source of income as she is too old to work. She has been in Vrindavan for 45 years and still has no pension benefit.

**Case 6:** Man Khushi is 32 years old and a widow. She belongs to Malkhangir in Orissa and came to Vrindavan 7yrs ago with her son. She lives in a temple ashram while her son lives in Nityanand Ashram. She earns her living by going to the bhajan ashrams and eats at a *langar*. She says "after my husband died it was just not possible for me to live there so I came away with my son. Life is tough here but it is preferable to what is back home".

### **MARRIED BUT DESTITUTE - POVERTY AND DEPENDENT SPOUSES**

**Case 1: Kalpana Mondal is 35yrs** old. Her home is in Beldanga, Murshidabad. She has two daughters whom she left with her own mother when she came to Vrindavan 15yrs ago. She says " My husband was mentally ill and unable to earn a living. I came to Vrindavan because I knew I will get food here and I thought I could find work and send money for my daughters and husband's treatment". She lived on rent for the last 15 years and works as a maid/cook in two homes. Recently she shifted to a bhajan ashram where she takes care of the supervisor who is very old and unable to walk due to a fall. When we met her she had just received news that her husband is missing from home for the last 10 days. She says " its too costly for me to go there and who knows if he will ever be found". Kalpana does not get any government benefits.

**Case 2: Kanchan is 40 years** old. She has one son and one daughter. She came to Vrindavan 15 years ago from Boshirghat in West Bengal. Here she lives on rent and earns a living through bhajan ashrams and begging. Her husband is unable to work as he is constantly sick. She has taken him to RKM Hospital many times but there is no improvement. She says "I came here because I had heard that I will be able to get food and take care of my children".

**Case 3: Lalita Dasi is 70 years** old and her husband is around 75 years old. She earns some money from the bhajan ashram while he begs in the streets. Both arrived in Vrindavan 5 years ago from Purulia in West Bengal. She says "we came here because we are both too old to work as agricultural labour and our children are just as poor. They are unable to provide for us".

**Case 4: Renuka Dasi is 55 years** old and lives with her husband in Radha kund. Both arrived from West Bengal 5 years ago. Her husband is bedridden and the bhajan ashram is her only source of income. They live in a rented accommodation. She neither has a ration card nor a pension.

**Case 5: Kiran is 35 years** old. She and her husband arrived in Vrindavan 5 years ago from Bihar. Her husband is blind. Some times he gets work as a tabla and flute player in raas leela but otherwise their home is run on her earnings from the bhajan ashram. They pay a rent of Rs800 because their room had electricity and water. She has 3 daughters.

**Case 6: Binapani Pal is 75** years old and lives in Pagal Baba Ashram. Her blind husband lives in West Bengal with their daughter. They had one son who left home to become a sadhu. The

daughter is unable take care of both her parents so Binapani came to Vrindavan and has been here for over 10 years.

### **DESERTED BY THEIR HUSBANDS – LIFE HAS FEW OPTIONS**

#### **Case 1: Dharamshila, 53yrs, In Vrindavan since 20 years**

- 1956 : She was born in Banaras. She had dreams and hopes of becoming something in life and for that she studied hard in her childhood till the time she got married. She had studied till class X in Banaras and got married after that.
- 1971 : On 21<sup>st</sup> May, 1971 she got married to Avinash Pandey. At the age of 16 years she had to drop her studies to start her married life. So, she submitted to the wishes of her husband and did as he asked her to do. She says "he used to abuse me physically and beat me up at any and every pretext. So much so that my bones were broken and I had to be operated on". She had 4 children – 3 daughters and 1 son. Her husband did not change his ways even after the children and began having an affair with the sister-in-law. At this Dharamshila finally decided to leave home and find her own way in life.
- 1988 : She left her husband's house and came to Vrindavan. By this time she had already married off her two elder daughters and brought rest of her two children along with her. She started living in Vrindavan in a rented room and teaching at a school. She admitted her kids in school and was beginning to stabilise when her husband returned and took away the kids. Sometime later she received news that the kids were being ill treated so she went home and after great difficulty was able to bring them back.
- 2008 : Today, she is staying in Vrindavan and taking care of her children. She has quit teaching and only goes to bhajan ashram to get some money. She has become a follower of Asaram Bapu and spends her time in devotion. She says "I wish to teach my husband a lesson he will not forget. I tried lodging a police complaint in Benaras but the police wanted bribes and I had no means. I have not gone back home in so many years but the desire to teach him a lesson remains alive and burning in me".

**Case 2:** 60 year old Kamla came to Vrindavan, from Jharkhand, 16 years ago. She lives in Govend temple and has no pension or ration card. For her life is a daily struggle since she was removed from her home by her husband who got married again.

**Case 3:** Uma Sinha is 70 years old and came to Vrindavan 30 years ago from Pilibhit, U.P. She says "my husband married again and threw me out. He lives in Bijnaur. I had no option but to fend

for myself. I worked as a maid and lived with my brother for a long time. Now I am too old to work. After a point he refused to keep me and I came to Vrindavan. 3yrs ago I came to the ashram as I am now too old to take care of myself”.

**Case 4:** Shefali Dasi is 52yrs old and lives on rent in Radha kunj. She left home 12yrs ago after her husband married again. She says “I speak to my children once in a while and my husband visits me when he comes here but I have never gone back. Radha Rani is my solace and care taker. I have now given my life to devotion and bhajans. I earn my living and that is all I wish for”.

**Case 5:** Sushti Dasi is 60yrs old. She was left in Vrindavan by her mother-in-law 30yrs ago after her husband got married again. She says “ I was left here. I am not educated and I didn’t know what to do. I was approached by men and asked to become a sex worker. I have had a very hard life and now I survive on begging. She lives outside Rangji temple and had no pension or ration card.

### **SINGLE, UNMARRIED – SEEKING THEIR OWN PATH**

**Case 1: Radha Dasi is 52yrs** old. She came to Vrindavan almost 35 years ago in the hope of seeking Lord Krishna. She has no pension but has a ration card. She says “ I have three brothers and their families but I have no desire to be in family life. I saw a film and realized that I could find Lord Krishna in Vrindavan so I came here. I live here and spend my time in bhajan ashrams reading the holy books. I have studied till class VI and this gives me some money. I eat frugally and sell most of my ration for rent. I believe in God and have faith that he will take care of me”. She knows about ashrams but feels disinclined towards shared living space. She says “I like my peace and silence”.

**Case 2: Laxmi is 50 years** old. She lives in Sonar Gorang Mandir and does the house keeping for the Guruji. By the time she was 5yrs old both her parents had died. She had 5 elder siblings – one brother and four sisters. She says “how much could the relatives do. By the time they married off my sisters I was too old to marry and then when Guruji offered to bring me to Vrindavan I came. Laxmi has been in Vrindavan for over 20yrs. She says “ there are no government schemes for women like me. I can not get any pension. I hope the government will think of women like me”.

#### **Case 3: Kiran Mahajan, 28yrs, Mahila Ashray Sadan, Chaitanya Vihar**

**1980 :** Born in Chandigarh, Punjab. In all they are 5 brothers & sisters. Two sisters are married, one brother is a brahmchari with ISKON and another living with her mother and still unmarried. Her father passed away recently.

**1991 :** Since class 8 she was inclined towards ISKON which was situated behind the math mandir in Chandigarh. She used to go there with her elder brother and had to change two buses



to reach there. Initially used to visit for the purpose of taking parshad from there, then gradually started liking their teachings. According to her "dhyān lag gaya tha ISKON mein aur akele vahan jana dur padta tha kyunki bhai to wai rehne lag gaye the, isliye Vrindavan aa gayi".

**1998** : She completed her graduation in arts from Chandigarh but did not apply for any job. As she was inclined towards ISKON, she followed that path to reach the stage where there is no life no death. She is right now on *dasi level* and wants to go upto the level of *Golakdham*.

**2006** : She came to Vrindavan when she was 26 years old. She came for the purpose of bhakti in ISKON. According to her, it became difficult for her to travel to ISKON in Chandigarh and that's why she shifted to Vrindavan. She is still in touch with her family who keep coming to Vrindavan for darshan and to meet her. Her mother will also join her in Vrindavan once her younger brother gets married and settles down.

She is also open about getting married and says "*grahsth jivan bhi apna lungi jab Krishnaji ki marzi hogi*". She said that she is been taught in ISKON to reject material life and that's why she is not materialistic. People around her in Vrindavan call her "pagal" as she is so inclined in bhakti and does nothing else but bhakti. But inspite of that she is happy in Vrindavan and doesn't want to go back to Chandigarh.

**2008** : Living in the Mahila Ashray at Chaitanya Vihar Kiran is content with her life of devotion and routine at ISKON. Her daily routine involves getting up early and attending the early morning arti in ISKON. She comes back to the ashram only if she has some work otherwise she spends the day in ISKON doing seva, making garlands etc. she says that she is not that social in the ashram and does not know people there. She only knows and talks to the other three women in her room.

**Case 5: Shobhita Dasi is 36yrs** old and hails from 24 Pargana, West Bengal. She has been in Vrindavan for 3yrs and says "I have no family. Guruji asked me to come here so I came". She gets food from the bhajan ashram in Radha Kund and some money. She pays a rent of Rs300 and says "I need money to pay rent, get clothes and in times of illness so I beg at times. If the government can provide health services for us it will be of great benefit."

**PENSIONS – A REALITY CHECK****Random Check on Status of Pass Books at Chaitanya Vihar Phase II, 26.02.09**

| <b>Sl. No.</b> | <b>Name</b>                       | <b>Date of last Passbook Update</b> | <b>Comments</b>  |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1.             | Smt Shefali Dey<br>85222210000290 | 25.08.08                            | Says "if madam will not tell us then how will it be done".   |
| 2.             | Jyotika Ghosh<br>85222210000923   | 15.01.09                            | Pass book is up to date  |
| 3.             | Urmila Adhikari<br>85222210002999 | 18.11.08                            | Pass book is up to date  |
| 4.             | Aarti Pal<br>85222210003798       | 23.01.09                            | Pass book is up to date  |
| 5.             | Gauri Roy<br>85222210000271       | 25.08.08                            | Says "I had not taken the passbook at the time of withdrawal". However the Bank officer says that withdrawals without passbook are not possible. |
| 6.             | Sundar Mandal<br>85222210003620   | 4.07.08                             | Says "Madam never told us to get it done"  |
| 7.             | Aamina Hakdar<br>85222210004095   | 7.7.08                              | Says "I had taken the pass book but madam said there is no need"   |
| 8.             | Gauri Das<br>85222210016164       | 25.08.08                            | Says "I am not aware that it needs to be done and madam never told me".  |
| 9.             | Gauri Vishvas<br>85222210000252   | 15.01.09                            | Says "No problem, there is no delay".  |
| 10.            | Radha Dey<br>85222210005082       | 29.01.09                            | Says "I am not aware that I have got pension in Jan. I only know about Nov. I had been taken to the bank in Jan but I did not get any money".    |
| 11.            | Kajori<br>85222210003653          | 20.11.08                            | Says 'I received the last installment in Nov".   |

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| 12.            | Gauri Bai<br>85222210003017         | 19.01.08                            | Say "there is no delay".  |
| 13.            | Bhagwati<br>85222210003649          | 20.11.08                            | Says "I have not got anything after Nov so I don't know".   |
| 14.            | Shivani Mandal<br>85222210016126    | 29.01.09                            | Says " I received my last pension in Nov but the pass book shows that I received it in Jan also. I don't know". |
| 15.            | Rama Khatri<br>85222210017427       | 19.01.09                            | Passbook is up to date.   |
| 16.            | Shanti Devi Gupta<br>85222210002965 | 24.11.08                            | Passbook is up to date.   |
| 17.            | Kavalamati<br>85222210004191        | 05.01.09                            | Say "madam told us that pension has come in Jan but I only know about Nov."                                     |
| 18.            | Shiv Kumari<br>85222210001216       | 3.07.08                             | Says "only madam knows about all this. I have no idea".   |
| 19.            | Shakuntala Devi<br>85222210002034   | 3.07.08                             | Says "they just ask for thumb impression. Rest I don't know".   |
| 20.            | Radha Bai<br>85222210001925         | 24.02.09                            | Passbook is up to date.   |
| 21.            | Saraswati Sharma<br>85222210003074  | 24.11.08                            | Says "madam told us after two weeks of receiving the pension".  |
| 22.            | Santoshi Ghosh<br>85222210004076    | 4.07.08                             | Says "madam told me that entry has been done so I don't know".  |
| 23.            | Pushpa Mandal<br>85222210003779     | 7.7.08                              | Says "madam knows I have no idea how this is done".   |
| 24.            | Manju Rai<br>85222210000976         | 3.7.08                              | Says "madam only knows".  |
| 25.            | Saifali Das<br>85222210003412       | 25.08.08                            | Says "most of us have no clue about this and we are never given proper information or explanation".             |

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| 26.            | Kaushalya Mandal<br>85222210003321 | 25.08.09                            | Says "nobody told me or asked me about it".                       |
| 27.            | Seema Chauhan<br>85222210002068    | 8.07.08                             | Says "madam went to get my money and I don't know anything else". |
| 28.            | Asha Bagh<br>85222210000850        | 15.1.09                             | Says she took out money in Jan".                                  |
| 29.            | Saraswati sarkar<br>85222210003615 | 7.07.08                             | Says " I took out money in August and had gone home".             |
| 30.            | Shanty Dasi<br>85222210017408      | 5.09.08                             | Received money in Jan but passbook is not updated.                |
| 31.            | Anu Halder<br>85222210001886       | 4.07.08                             | Says "madam did not tell us that this has to be done".            |
| 32.            | Mansa Daloi<br>85222210000961      | 24.02.09                            | Passbook is up to date  |
| 33.            | Nilima Datt<br>85222210000846      | 24.02.09                            | Passbook is up to date  |
| 34.            | Sushila Dasi<br>85222210000827     | 15.01.09                            | Passbook is up to date  |
| 35.            | Annapurna Panj<br>85222200061029   | 21.11.08                            | Says she got money in Jan but passbook shows only Nov             |
| 36.            | Anjana Mandal<br>85222210001963    | 3.7.08                              | Says "I don't know only madam knows"                              |
| 37.            | Sajja Datt<br>85222210002670       | 19.01.09                            | Pass book is up to date   |
| 38.            | Soti Chowdhry<br>85222210000624    | 15.01.09                            | Pass book is up to date   |
| 39.            | Mona Das<br>85222210017320         | 9.9.08                              | Says "madam does not inform".                                     |

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| 40.            | Prakashvati<br>85222210001930         | 3.7.08                              | Says "Bank people said that the computer is not showing the record".         |
| 41.            | Devki Dasi<br>85222210000489          | 25.08.08                            | Says "madam said it is not needed and I forgot"                              |
| 42.            | Raghudasi Dasi<br>85222210000344      | 16.7.08                             | Passbook is up to date   |
| 43.            | Kanun Bala<br>85222210017354          | 19.1.09                             | Passbook is up to date   |
| 44.            | Bijauri Das<br>85222210004153         | 23.1.09                             | Passbook is up to date   |
| 45.            | Pinki<br>85222210004207               | 20.11.08                            | Passbook is up to date   |
| 46.            | Renu Adhikari<br>85222210000325       | 16.01.09                            | Says "she does not remember going to bank or receiving money".               |
| 47.            | Sumukhi<br>85222210014547             | 25.08.08                            | Says "it was very crowded and both the bank people and madam told me to go". |
| 48.            | Sandhin Shakti Das<br>852222100114551 | 25.08.08                            | She is the sister of Sumukhi   |
| 49.            | Maulina Das<br>85222210003431         | 22.01.09                            | Passbook is up to date   |
| 50.            | Yashoda Kushwah<br>85222210001009     | 4.7.08                              | Says " I can't read or write and do as madam says".                          |
| 51.            | Maya Sahai<br>85222210000865          | 3.7.08                              | Says "madam did not tell me about it"  |
| 52.            | Deepali Dasi<br>85222210004766        | 5.1.09                              | Passbook is up to date   |
| 53.            | Sarla Dasi<br>85222210004824          | 7.7.08                              | Says "madam takes the passbook and I don't know anything about it".          |

**Random Check of Passbooks at Pagal Baba Ashram, Bhutgali, 26.02.09**

| Sl. No. | Name                          | Account No   | Last Updated (date)   |
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| 1.      | Rani Dasi                     | 1387   | 22.12.08  |
| 2.      | Bhawani Singh                 | 1201   | 13.02.09  |
| 3.      | Shanty Paddi Das              | 221/4862   | 20.01.09  |
| 4.      | Sushila Dasi                  | 85222210001520   | 21.01.09  |
| 5.      | Sadhna                        | 36047  | 20.01.09  |
| 6.      | Ganga Patra                   | 85222210002444   | 20.01.09  |
| 7.      | Ananda Mai Dasi               | 85222210002300   | 21.01.09  |
| 8.      | Viram Shah                    | Says "Passbook is with the sister"                     |   |
| 9.      | Vimla Dasi                    | In the ashram since 7mths but pension not made         |   |
| 10.     | Shanty Biswas                 | 36033  | 22.11.08  |
| 11.     | Sandhay Dasi                  | 85222210001650   | 19.01.09<br>2 persons have the same name<br>so 2 pensions come to this<br>account |
| 12.     | Bhalya Bairagi                | 1199   | 04.02.09  |
| 13.     | Bindu Dasi                    | 1326   | 10.02.09  |
| 14.     | Kamla Rani Sarkar             | 85222210002183   | 16.02.09  |
| 15.     | Gauri Dasi                    | 1694   | 09.02.09  |
| 16.     | Maha Maya Sarkar              | 1047   | 03.02.09  |
| 17.     | Kamla Shah                    | Passbook is lost, application for duplicate to be made |   |
| 18.     | Nilima Biswas                 | 613  | 10.02.09  |
| 19.     | Nilima Debnath                | 2008   | 15.12.08  |
| 20.     | Renu Shah                     | 36036  | 22.01.09  |
| 21.     | Umasila                       | 36035  | 22.01.09  |
| 22.     | Laxmi Mandal and Lokhi Mandal | 01190001273  | 16.10.07  |
| 23.     | Ananda Sundari                | 653  | 02.02.09  |

| Sl. No. | Name            | Account No                                 | Last Updated (date)   |
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| 24.     | Shantana Sharma | 85222210002294                             | 20.01.09  |
| 25.     | Phulu Biswas    | 85222210002237                             | 23.01.09  |
| 26.     | Pushpa Dasi     | 1660                                       | 04.02.09  |
| 27.     | Renubala Shah   | 607  | 14.02.09  |
| 28.     | Bani Mukherjee  | Says "Passbook has not been made"          |   |
| 29.     | Subhadra        | 1996                                       | 05.12.08  |
| 30.     | Aarti Pal       | Came 1mth ago so no pension or ration card |   |
| 31.     | Sushma Debnath  | 85222210010071                             | 22.01.09<br>withdrawal of Rs4,300 but is unaware and says "I was given book only today and I have not received any money"   |
| 32.     | Allamalkar      | 85222210016739                             | 23.01.09  |
| 33.     | Kali Dasi       | 85222210001442                             | Last withdrawal on 18.08.08 and received no money since because another person by the same name and account number has an account and has been collecting. The bank acknowledges that this is the case and that they have informed the department |
| 34.     | Gita Basu       | 85222210001698                             | 29.01.09<br>says she got the book today and that the withdrawal amount and the money she received are not the same  |
| 35.     | Shobha Goswami  | 36021                                      | Has an account for the last 4yrs but no pension is made till date   |
| 36.     | Malati kundu    | 673  | 09.02.09  |

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| 37.            | Urmila Mandal                           | 1973              | 22.12.08                   |
| 38.            | Thakur Dasi Sarkar                      | 1151              | 2.2.09                     |
| 39.            | Nonibala Halder                         | 2056              | 19.12.08                   |
| 40.            | Renuka Benarjee                         | 1257              | 16.12.08                   |
| 41.            | Nonibala Das                            | 2053              | 16.12.08                   |
| 42.            | Dulari Dasi                             | 1157              | 16.2.09                    |
| 43.            | Angurbala Mandal                        | 1161              | 10.2.09                    |
| 44.            | Gauri Satra                             | 1692              | 10.2.09                    |
| 45.            | Geeta Dasi                              | 700               | (date unclear-13.1.09)     |
| 46.            | Deepali Nazkur                          | 1202              | 4.2.09                     |
| 47.            | Hashi Debnath                           | 1284              | 9.1.09                     |
| 48.            | Lakhi Dasi                              | 1238              | 12.2.09                    |
| 49.            | Geeta Basu                              | 1698              | 29.1.09                    |
| 50.            | Geeta Basu                              | 85222210001698    | 29.1.09                    |
| 51.            | Sushma Devi Devnath<br>(no ration card) | 85222210010071    | 22.1.09                    |
| 52.            | Suparna                                 | 85222210001644    | 29.1.09                    |
| 53.            | Randhoni Dasi                           | 85222210001741    | 9.2.09                     |
| 54.            | Bharti Sarkar                           | 85222210002352    | 27.8.08                    |
| 55.            | Sandhya Chakravarty                     | 85222200055578    | 15.1.09                    |
| 56.            | Nirmala Sen                             | 85222210001683    | 13.8.08                    |
| 57.            | Protima Mandal                          | 85222210001737    | 23.1.09                    |
| 58.            | Saraswati                               | 36011             | 30.1.09                    |
| 59.            | Aloka Samdat                            | 85222210001756    | 9.2.09                     |
| 60.            | Pratima                                 | 36053             | 15.1.09                    |
| 61.            | Tulsi Dasi                              | 85222210002275    | 11.2.09                    |
| 62.            | Lokhi Dasi                              | 85222210002280    | 9.2.09                     |



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| 63.     | Saraswati Thanedar                    | 85222210002260   | 27.1.09             |
| 64.     | Lata Mondol                           | 85222210014744   | 31.12.08            |
| 65.     | Kamala                                | 85222210001722   | 12.11.08            |
| 66.     | Maloti dasi<br>(Punjab National Bank) | 0463000101005848 | 28.1.09             |

**Pagal Baba Ashram, Bhut Gali – Names of Women for whom Pension was Applied for on 05.12.08 and still not Processed**

1. Shobha Goswami W/o Shyam Sundar Goswami
2. Tarangani Biswas W/o Alok Chandra Biswas
3. Gayatri Mandal W/o Dhiren Mandal
4. Shobha Adhikari W/o Kali Charan Adhikari
5. Sumitra Panda W/o Yashoda Panda
6. Shobha Dasi W/o Hari Das
7. Shankari Mandal W/o Tetull Mandal
8. Maya Chakraborty W/o Sehdev Chakraborty
9. Manju Rani Acharya W/o Umesh Chandra Acharya
10. Vibha Dasi W/o Santosh Das
11. Laxmi Pal W/o Gaur Chandra Pal
12. Saroma Rai W/o Pradip Rai
13. Maya Haldar W/o Mohan Das Haldar
14. Tapasvi Ghosh W/o Sunil Ghosh
15. Sandhya Haldar W/o Rajen Haldar
16. Neela De W/o Sukumar De

**List of Women who were found to be without pensions on 26.02.09 at Pagal Baba Ashram, Bhutgali – Their Forms were filled on 27.02.09**

1. Tulsi Dasi W/o Jagdish Das
2. Parwati Das W/o Raghunath Das
3. Gauri Dasi W/o Ravi Das

4. Malti Sarkar W/o Mangal Sarkar
5. Sushma Dasi W/o Durga Das
6. Bina Dutt W/o Kalipad Dutt
7. Srimati Rai W/o Govind Rai
8. Savitri Burman W/o Sudhir Burman
9. Parul Mahanti W/o Ram Pad Mahanti
10. Subhadra Ghosh W/o Govind Ghosh
11. Bhagwati Dasi W/o Mahima Ranjan Mandal
12. Kali Dasi W/o Kalipad Vishwas
13. Mitali Mitra W/o Arun Mitra
14. Anita Devi W/o Chotu Singh
15. Kamla Devi W/o Dhanua
16. Sarthi Majumdar W/o Sunil Majumdar
17. Kajal Ghosh W/o Nepa

**Widows of Bhajan kutti Ashram Who Have Neither Pensions Nor Ration Cards**

| S.No. | Name             | Pension | Ration Card |
|-------|------------------|---------|-------------|
| 1.    | Damodar Dasi     | No      | No          |
| 2.    | Narrottam Dasi   | No      | No          |
| 3.    | Vasudev Dasi     | No      | No          |
| 4.    | Jamuna Dasi      | No      | No          |
| 5.    | Manori Dasi      | No      | No          |
| 6.    | Jasoda Dasi      | No      | No          |
| 7.    | Vishnu Dasi      | No      | No          |
| 8.    | Hari Priya Dasi  | No      | No          |
| 9.    | Hari Dasi        | No      | No          |
| 10.   | Tulsi Dasi       | Yes     | No          |
| 11.   | Choti Tulsi Dasi | No      | No          |
| 12.   | Vrindavan Dasi   | No      | No          |
| 13.   | Laxmi Dasi       | No      | No          |

| <b>S.No.</b> | <b>Name</b>      | <b>Pension</b> | <b>Ration Card</b> |
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| 14.          | Krishna Dasi     | No             | No                 |
| 15.          | Tulsi Dasi       | No             | No                 |
| 16.          | Chakra Dasi      | No             | No                 |
| 17.          | Sita Dasi        | No             | No                 |
| 18.          | Krishna Dasi     | No             | No                 |
| 19.          | Shyam Dasi       | No             | No                 |
| 20.          | Choti Sita Dasi  | No             | No                 |
| 21.          | Hari Dasi        | No             | No                 |
| 22.          | Ganga Dasi       | No             | No                 |
| 23.          | Deva Dasi        | No             | No                 |
| 24.          | Sudevi Dasi      | Yes            | No                 |
| 25.          | Tika Dasi        | Yes            | No                 |
| 26.          | Tulsi Dasi Flari | Yes            | No                 |
| 27.          | Sita Dasi        | Yes            | No                 |
| 28.          | Madhav Dasi      | Yes            | No                 |
| 29.          | Kamla Dasi       | No             | No                 |
| 30.          | Padma Sharma     | No             | No                 |
| 31.          | Shanti Dasi      | Yes            | No                 |
| 32.          | Janki Dasi       | Yes            | No                 |
| 33.          | Sumitra Dasi     | No             | No                 |

## BETTER SERVICE DELIVERY - VIEWS & SUGGESTIONS OF THE GOVT. AND BANK OFFICIALS

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| <p>Shri N.K. Paliwal<br/> <b>Chief Development Officer (CDO)</b><br/>           In charge – Mahila Vikas Adhikari<br/>           Rajiv Bhawan, Mathura</p> | <p>The CDO is the district head of all welfare schemes in the district of Mathura. He co-ordinates all government programs and schemes aimed at the welfare and development of marginalized populations of the district.</p> <p><b>In his opinion there are a few problems in implementing the schemes and programs for the destitute women in Vrindavan, namely:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lack of laid out norms and directives for the implementation of government schemes for the women for example who should be appointed in the various posts in the homes and how? What should be done if one finds out that some women living in the homes are not genuine cases? Who is responsible for appointing and taking action in cases where the staff is not performing?</li> <li>● Lack of adequate and trained human resources.</li> <li>● Lack of Infrastructure vis-à-vis vehicles, computers, phones etc.</li> <li>● Lack of adequate salaries and funds for example under the Swadhar Scheme there is no money for repair and maintenance and under the Meera Sehbhagini Scheme there is no fund for food.</li> <li>● Non fulfillment of the job vacancy at the post of Joint Director, Women Welfare</li> </ul> <p><b>He offered the following suggestions for improving service delivery:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Written rules and guidelines for the implementing officers and staff.</li> </ul> |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provisions in the schemes and programs for qualified personnel especially in the field of care of the elderly and sick such as salaries of care takers, support for care takers, medically trained nurses and attendants, equipment and running costs for the care of disabled and bedridden.</li> <li>● Provision that all staff recruited shall be on contract basis with specified job/tasks liable for termination on the basis of periodic evaluation and non-performance.</li> <li>● Enhanced NGO involvement especially in the area of running homes and health care infrastructure.</li> <li>● Written guidelines and framework for interaction with and management of bhajan ashrams (otherwise these institutions have no accountability).</li> <li>● Tracing the backgrounds of women at their place of origin through a mechanism that involves the respective state governments and other institutions that can support such as the police and NGOs.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Shri Arun Kumar<br/> <b>Zilla Samaj Kalyan Adhikari</b><br/> Rajiv Bhawan, Mathura</p> | <p>The Zilla Samaj Kalyan Office handles over 60 schemes aimed at the benefit of the poor and marginalized in the district of Mathura. It coordinates the management and disbursement of old age and widow pensions. He his suggestions for better delivery are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mobile banking services for the bedridden and old age pension receivers</li> <li>2. Appointment, service and termination norms for the employees involved in the running of homes and care services for the women.</li> <li>3. Better and more coordination of efforts among various government departments especially the health department.</li> <li>4. Appointment of Social Workers in Hospitals (Agra School of Social Work)</li> </ol>  |

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|   | <p>5. Joint six monthly (Banks and Department) review and update of pension accounts</p> <p>6. Single window office at Vrindavan for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Registration of the women who come to Vrindavan</li> <li>● Issuance of an ID card to the arriving women required to be renewed every three months</li> <li>● Referral services for homes and shelters</li> <li>● Coordination of services available in the various government offices and hospitals</li> <li>● Resolution of problems and difficulties faced by the women</li> </ul>  |
| <p>Satpal Singh, Food Inspector, Vrindavan<br/>R.K. Pathak, Supply Clerk<br/>Arun Kumar, Dealing Clerk<br/><b>Food and Supply Department,</b><br/>Rajiv Bhawan, Mathura</p> | <p>There 3 types of Ration Cards – APL Cards, BPL Cards and Antodaya Cards. The old age and widows of Vrindavan are issued the Antodaya Cards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● BPL Survey undertaken in 2005 was the basis of making cards but the widow population is mobile and keeps changing therefore flexibility is needed.</li> <li>● Quota of rice, wheat, kerosene and sugar is fixed and unless that is increased new cards cannot be issued.</li> <li>● There is a problem because women keep coming and going so there needs to be a system where by cards can be reissued to new arrivals. Possibly a norm needs be fixed that if a card holder does take her supply for 1-2 months than the card can be cancelled and issued to someone else.</li> <li>● 100% distribution is essential therefore the department has to supply.</li> <li>● 3-liter kerosene is not sufficient this quantity should be increased, as earlier, to 5 liters.</li> <li>● In rest of the district the Antodaya Card holders get 35 k.g. ration per month but in Vrindavan it is 14 k.g. for everyone. This needs to be reviewed. This was</li> </ul> |

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|   | <p>done because the 'mais' are single and it is thought that they can survive on less amount.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The records are maintained on ledgers. The department should use computer technology and employee trained personnel for the purpose.</li> </ul>  |
| <p>Shri Raj Kumar<br/>Branch Manager, <b>Zilla Sehkari Bank, Patharpura</b>, Vrindavan<br/>His branch handles 441 Old Age Pension Accounts and 245 Widow Pension Accounts</p> | <p>According to him the pension accounts will be better managed if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Account Numbers are maintained in a serial order by the Zilla Samaj Kalyan Office</li> <li>● Annual update and closure exercise is undertaken by the bank and samaj Kalyan Office for the purpose of closing obsolete accounts, adding new names, closing accounts of deceased persons etc.</li> <li>● The list of names that is issued by the zilla office every time the pension money is released is devoid of mistakes in names and account numbers because this leads to delays for the customers that goes into months and at times leads to fraud.</li> </ul>   |
| <p>Shri RK Mittal<br/>Manager, <b>Union Bank of India, Anaj Mandi</b>, Vrindavan<br/>His branch handles 552 old age and widow pension accounts</p>                            | <p>The procedure for pension application requires that the applicant should have a bank account. Therefore opening of an account is the responsibility of the applicant. Once she/he has an account number the application provided by the District Welfare Department can be filled. Every six month we receive a list of pensioners and their due amount. However there are problems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pension sheets that are sent by the department have many wrong account numbers as a result payments are delayed. For example in Jan-Feb 2009 a list of 552 pensions was received in which 99 account numbers were wrong.</li> <li>● The department needs to update and correct the account details because even the banks have recently shifted to the computer system from manual and numbers are revised.</li> </ul> |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● People who are too old to come to the bank or ill or bedridden can and should be provided mobile facilities of delivery this is possible if a request is made from the department for specific clusters and groups.</li> </ul>  |
| <p>Shri DPS Rawat<br/>Branch Manager<br/><b>Syndicate Bank, Anaj Mandi</b><br/>There are more than 1000 pension accounts in this branch of the bank.</p> | <p>According to him there are problems in dispensing pension accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Staff shortage in the Bank (only 4 employees)</li> <li>● Errors in the account numbers sent by the department.</li> <li>● Delays in updating of passbooks due to technical and human resource crunch.</li> </ul> |