



### **MID-DAY MEAL SCHEME FOR THE STUDENTS OF PAHARIYA DAY SCHOOLS:-**

The Tribals communities form a hefty chunk of the total population of the Jharkhand state. Out of these some tribal communities have been categorized as primitive tribal groups on the basis of their more backward socioeconomic status and other sociological traits. The Primitive Tribes Group includes 1-Asur 2. Birhor Birajia 4. Korba 5. Hill Kharia 6 Mal Pahariya 7. Sauriya Paharia 8. Parahriya and 9. Sabar. These Primitive Tribe Groups are found in all the 22 districts of the state and their total number, as per the last survey is 193,827. Their concentration is highest in the districts of Sahebjanj (35129) and Dumka (31550) and it is the lowest in the districts of Dhanbad (137) and Gridih (258). Some of the Primitive Tribes Group like Asur, Birhor and Birajia lead a nomadic life.

Keeping in view the extremely low life standards of these communities the state of Jharkhand has, with the co-operation of government of India, devised and implemented various schemes aimed at the all round upliftment of the Primitive Tribe Groups in the state. These schemes are in additions to those measures by which the members of different Primitive Tribe Groups benefit as a part of the overall tribal category.

Welfare Department has started the scheme of Mid-day Meal in all its 32 Pahariya day schools. Under this scheme students are given mid-day meal on which Rs.8/- is spent per day per meal. Approximately 1600 students are being benefited under this scheme.