

**VISIT NOTES TO REVENUE CAMPAIGN IN BANSWADA
AND DUNGARPUR DISTRICTS
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On the second day of my 4 day field visit to 8 districts of Rajasthan, I have visited 2 villages on Day 2 of the Revenue Campaign in Banswada district and Dungarpur District.

The following are my findings:

Village Sagwaria, Tehsil Gadi, District Banswada

The District Collector Banswada Shri Bhagwati Prasad ji and SDO Gadi Ms. Pooja Parth received me in the revenue camp of village Sagwaria, Tehsil Gadi, District Banswada. It was the first visit by a Chairman Board of Revenue to the District in past 30 years.

The Gram Panchayat had 3 villages all part of TSP area with 70 percent tribal population. The camp preparations were thorough, SDM Gadi had worked tirelessly to put together the various departments.

There were nearly 300 villagers in the revenue camp. SDO Gadi informed me that the Village was a Vad Mukht Gram (zero litigation village) and almost all revenue disputes were decided by mutual agreement as per traditional procedures. There were several mutations sanctioned for succession and correction of entries. One case of right of easement was also decided by mutual agreement. In 9 cases Khatedari rights were given to Gair Khatedar tenants after payment of due revenue fees.

The Zilla Parishad Member briefed us on the major issues confronting the village:

1. The land classification of several cultivable lands had been wrongly notified as “Jungle” in the Jamabandi and needs to be changed to “Khatedari” names.
2. The repairs of Mahi Nahar need to be undertaken.
3. Budget allocation for Patwar ghar.

The issues flagged on the land classification requires judicial consideration at the level of District Collector and a reference to the Board of Revenue could be made for changes in the classification if erroneous entries have been made.

The revenue campaign issued 120 new job cards. The Gram Panchayat indicated that adequate sanctions existed with them for providing employment for all new job card holders. Other beneficiaries included 2 New Palanhar beneficiaries and 9 new PPO Cards.

All the villagers indicated that they had Jan Dhan Accounts – Aadhar Cards – Ru Pay Cards. This is a major success story for financial inclusion and transparency in governance.

Village Hirata, Tehsil Dovra, District Dungarpur

The District Collector Dungarpur Shri Rajendra Bhatt ji received me at the Atal Sewa Kendra – the camp site for the Revenue Campaign in Village Hirata, Tehsil Dovra. The ADM Dungarpur and SDO Dungarpur were present at the camp site. 90 percent of the village population was tribal. It was the first visit by Chairman Board of Revenue to Dungarpur District in many decades.

There were 350 villagers at the revenue camp. There were a number of women who were seeking job cards. The Sarpanch assured that job cards for all applicants would be prepared by the conclusion of the revenue camp.

A large number of villagers were present at the Medical and Health Department for routine health check-ups.

Villagers also showed enthusiasm for soil health cards before the coming crop season.

There was a lot of interest in the Gram Panchayat activities of Abadi Pattas.

Revenue litigation in the village has been traditionally resolved by mutual agreement as per tribal practices. I was informed that all cases that were presented in the Revenue camp would be resolved by mutual consensus.

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I have visited 4 districts – Chittorgarh, Pratapgarh, Banswada and Dungapur at the end of day 2 of my 4 days of travel to 8 districts for the revenue campaign. The response has been overwhelming for government's programs in each of the 4 districts. Camp preparations have been commendable and I place on record my appreciation for the efforts made by the District Administration in each of these districts.