

Case study: A horrible incident of hand chopping case in Kalahandi district

Dialu Nial (25) live in Pipalguda village under Jayapatna block of Kalahandi district, is one of the victims of hand chopping case, took place in December 2013. He is unmarried and third son of Taru Nial and Akhuram Nial. His two elder brothers are married and living separately. Dialu's family is landless, even does not possess homestead land of their own. They belongs to a Dalit community and only occupation of the family is rope making, sells it in the nearby market and hardly gets Rs. 700 to 1000/ per month which is not enough for their family members to survive. The family is not linked with any Government scheme, nor having job card as well. Hence, in this situation he prefers to migrate to brick kilns in other states to help the family.

The other victim is Nilambar Dhangda Majhi (35), second son of Nila Dhangda Majhi and Madhab Dhangda Majhi, hails from Nuaguda village under Uchhala panchayat of Jayaptna block in Kalahandi district. He lives with his parents, wife and two sons. His father owns 2 acres of land in his name. Nilambar works in his village during monsoon and sometimes also work as daily wage labourers and rest of months migrates to other places outside the state.

Nilambar had migrated with his four year old son and wife. His elder son was left behind in village to take care of his old parents. There were 12 labourers (from five families from same village Nuaguda), were paid an advance of Rs. 10,000 per person (Rs.1.2 lakhs in total) by two labour contractors Bimal Rout and Parshu Nayak of Nuapada district on 20th November 2013. As per the agreement they left the village on 30th November 2013 and were promised to work in a brick kiln in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh. The 12 migrant labourers went with these two local *sardars* and handed over to another contractor Parmeswar Dundi in Kutamal village who detained them for a week over there. But instead of taking them to the destination (Hyderabad) as per the agreement, the labourers were taken to Raipur. On 7th Dec 2013, the *sardar* went with the migrants to U.P by the train from Raipur Railway station to work at a brick kiln in U.P. The labourers were realized of not going to Hyderabad. So when reached Nagpur Railway station on 8th Dec 2013, they had an argument with *sardar* about the promised destination and they refused to migrate to UP. Somehow 10 of the 12 labourers managed to escape and returned safely to their village. But Nilambara and Dialu, were caught by Parmeswar at Raipur on 9th December and taken to Kutamal village. They were detained by the *sardar* for about a week to recover their money given in advance. After four days, wife of Nilambar