

Project Update: February 2008

Relocation Clash Again Crop up in Shuklaphanta Wildlife Reserve

As mentioned in the report, a committee (Shuklaphanta Wildlife Reserve Land Problem Solving Committee) under the chairmanship of Mr. Diban Singh Bista was exercising to identify the real affected people. It had identified around 2586 households to be compensated with land. Unfortunately, change in political portfolio and feeble government management system resulted a formation of new committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Mohan Giri having three months time limit. This committee avoided all the decisions made by the former committee and itself collected about 4000 new applications for enquiry. The committee had proved 1900 households till now to be compensated. Now, the working duration of this committee is also not extended. In this way, the whole process of settling the resettlement issue has stopped completely.

After viewing the political turmoil and thinking that the issue will not be addressed by the government, around 2200 households impinge the Dhakka block of Shuklaphanta Wildlife Reserve on 22nd January, 2008 at 4:35pm local time. The encroachment process is continue with a great pace, more people are claiming that they are the real affected and are making their temporary camps inside the reserve.

To check further encroachment in the area, Nepalese Army has been used by the government in the Block. These army are now making there base in Dhakka Block.



Plate 1: Dhakka block having people's new camps inside the reserve.



Plate 2: Encroachment process continues.



Plate 3: People discussing what will be the next strategy to adopt on.