



**Defenders of Mother Earth:**  
**Kamla Prasad Panika and family**  
***Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh, India***



*Kamla Prasad Panika with his wife & son. Their house is now bang inside Reliance [Sasan 4000 MW Ultra Mega coal power plant](#) in Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh, India's „coal capital“.*

Kamla Prasad of Sidhi Khurd village is from the Panika tribe and has 5 acres of farm land that Reliance Sasan forcefully tried to acquire with active help from district & state governments. He refused, as the rehabilitation promised was not given to any other displaced. His elder son (a standard 6 student) was brutally beaten, both his daughters regularly harassed, both his sons thrown out of the school (DAV School Surya Vihar) run with help of Reliance as part of their obligation for displaced people.

Even today, after 5 years of massive harassment, torture, regular threats from district police & administration he refuses to hand over his land and keeps cultivating it, right next to the huge cooling towers inside the plant boundary. He might be eliminated by Reliance appointed goons.



*The family is forced to take water from dirty pools from leakages. Even that is often prevented.*

The Indian people's science group „Bharat Jan Vigyan Jatha“ and the „Delhi Solidarity Group“ in India have reached out a few times, but are well over 1000 kms and a tedious 28 hours travel away. The local organization Srijan Lokhit Samity has tried to extend some help but are harassed regularly.



**Background Information:**

- <https://lokhitsamiti.wordpress.com/>
- <https://lokhitsamiti.files.wordpress.com/2013/10/sasan-report-finalz.pdf>
- <http://carbonmarketwatch.org/watch-this-ngo-newsletter-7-violence-and-intimidation-dont-stop-indian-activists-fighting-deadly-coal-plant/>

*Local newspaper ("Patrika") coverage of his sons being thrown out of school because of his refusal to part with his land.*

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