

Paharias oppose land allotment to others in their areas

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Dumka (Jharkhand), Oct 2 (PTI) Demanding land allocation under the Forest Rights Act only to the primitive Paharia tribes, activists fighting for their rights today began an indefinite dharna here.

"The dharna will continue till we get an assurance from the administration that land should be allotted only to Paharias and not to any other tribes in the Paharia-dominated areas of Santhal Pargana," Paharia Mukti Sena secretary Gayalal Dehri told reporters here.

Under the Rights of Forest Dwellers Act (2006), the dwellers in the forest areas are entitled to get land, said a senior district official.

The Sena is also demanding for speedy setting up of the proposed Paharia Battalion.

The Paharias, involved in dry farming, are a hill tribe settled in the Santhal Parganas. They are divided into three groups -- Sauria, Kumhar Bhag and Mal Pahariya.

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