

Social worker's fast enters fourth day. 1990 ✓

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Rajahmundry, April 30: The indefinite fast undertaken at Ram-pachodavaram by Dr. P. Sivaramakrishna, director of 'Sakti' [Search for Action and Knowledge for Tribal Initiative], a voluntary agency working in the East Godavari agency area, for securing implementation of minimum wages for tribal workers, entered the fourth day on Monday.

Although the indefinite fast has been undertaken by the social worker and anthropologist in a tent opposite the ITDA office not far away from the sub-collector's bungalow, the authorities appear to have taken little interest in knowing what was happening.

Dr. Sivaramakrishna launched his indefinite fast in support of the demands for payment of wages on a permanent basis on the lines of ILTD for coolies working in coupes, compensation for workers involved in accidents, display of minimum wages boards in all coupes and appointment of labour commissioner as a member in the Girijan Samkshema Parishat headed by the Chief Minister.

The 'Sakti' director wants the ITDA to distribute pamphlets on minimum wages for tribals in all coupes and make the labour officer in the agency accountable to the sub-collector regarding implementation of Minimum Wages Act.

Mr. Somu Veerraju, district BJP general secretary, visited the hunger-strike camp on Sunday.