

## **Interaction Session with Police**

### **Police Station Khajuri Khas**

**14<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

SLIC visited the Khajuri Khas police station on 14 October 2015 for an interaction session with the Police officials for Rohingya residing in their jurisdiction. SLIC had also invited the Rohingya Community representatives to be the part of the interaction. SLIC met the SHO Yogender Khokhar (8750870734) and the ATO Marwar Lal (8750870794) and elucidated them about the Refugees Protection and its principles. They were apprised about the presence of Rohingya population in Khajuri Khas and the role of SLIC and UNHCR. The interaction session was attended by Yogender Khokhar(SHO), Marwar Lal (ATO), Beat officers, Smita (SLIC) and Adv. Fazal Abdali (SLIC). The Community was represented by Ismail, Rashidullah, Rashid, Nasaruh, Noorjahan and Samjida (including three women representatives).

The SHO was very receptive about the purpose of the visit and the issue placed before him. He took the details of the representatives and also enquired about the community grievances from the representatives. He was open to extend any possible assistance to the refugee community.

The SHO was briefed about the general condition of the community with regard to their livelihood and living condition. Ismail (community representative) highlighted to the SHO the problems of the community how, many of them, work as daily wagers in the construction sites and are often exploited and discriminated by the contractor. One issue raised by the community was that they claimed they were underpaid by the local contractors and often tricked by the landlords regarding the electricity and water bills. They also claimed that landlords raise the rent every now and then. Ismail further claimed that recently the community has also come to know that unfortunately police official were bribed by the accused and the complainant/victim suffers.

At this, the SHO bluntly denied the obstructive behaviour of the police and clarified that his staff is devoted to work for public and any such incident involving monetary gain is unlikely. The SHO decently enjoined the community representatives to report such incidences to the police immediately and also about any illegal or suspicious incident which takes place. He assured for proper legal help from the police.

Further, the SHO introduced the Beat Officer Ganga Ram (9968042975) who shared his number to the refugee representatives along with SLIC for any future reference. He also took the detail of the representatives/SLIC and assured cooperation in case of legal matters in future.

The meeting concluded on a positive note and the refugees were quite satisfactory to the response received from the police.