

**TEJAJI PROJECT**  
World Oral Literature Project  
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**Field Documentation Sheet**

<i>Documentation Sheet No.</i>	A-027
<i>Track/Item No. (Audio File No. &amp; Location)</i>	file0032.wav to file0058.wav WOLP/Tejaji Ballad/Audio Rec-2010/Talwas
<i>Title (s) of song, Segment, etc.</i>	Tejaji Ballad
<i>Genre or type (i.e. epic, song, ritual)</i>	Ballad
<i>Translation of title (s)</i>	--
<i>Date of recording</i>	05.09.2010 (Evening) to 06.09.2010 (Morning)
<i>Place of recording</i>	House of Radheshyam Saini
<i>Location 1 (home village or area)</i>	Village Talwas
<i>Location 2 (district, region, nation)</i>	Tehsil Nainwa, District Bundi, Rajasthan, INDIA
<i>Name (s), age, sex, place of birth of performer (s)</i>	All are men, born in the same village. Age is mentioned in brackets against the individual names.
<i>Performer 1 (Vocalist)</i>	Badrilal Khateek (52), Prabhulal Saini (60), Radheyshyam Saini (56)
<i>Performer 2 (Godla)</i>	Kanwar Lal Saini (50)
<i>Performer 3</i>	--
<i>Musical instruments and/or other objects used in performance</i>	--
<i>Instrument 1 (Algoja-Aerophonic)</i>	Kanwar Lal Saini (50)
<i>Instrument 2 (Dholak-Percussion)</i>	Sauji Lal Saini (40), Chotulal Sen (70)
<i>Instrument 3 (Manjira-Metallic Clappers)</i>	Badrilal Goswami (40), Jagdish Saini (15), Satyanarain Prajapat (20), Prahlad Saini (40)
<i>Instrument 4</i>	--
<i>Performer (s)'s first/native language</i>	Hadoti
<i>Performer (s)'s ethnic group</i>	Mali, Nai, Khateek, Goswami & Kumhar
<i>Level of public access (closed, limited, open)</i>	Open
<i>Detailed description, observation &amp; notes:</i> Talwas is famous for its fair and snake procession in which men goes into the jungle, finds a snake and carry it to the Tejaji Shrine in a procession while singing the Tejaji Ballad. They believe that it is incarnation of Delwarji (Snake deity). The village also stages <i>Tejaji-ka-khel</i> (i.e. Drama based on Tejaji's life) during the fair. Here the fair starts tree days after the Teja-Dashmi festival.	
<i>Video file no. &amp; location</i>	IMG_0222 to IMG_0259 WOLP/Tejaji Ballad/Videos/VD-004
<i>Photographs no. &amp; location</i>	IMG_3976 to IMG_4123 WOLP/Tejaji Ballad/Photographs/Disk No. 132/Talwas