

Minutes of the Meeting of the Consortium Members , held on January 06, 2007 at CEC, New Delhi at 3.30 pm.

The meeting was attended by following Consortium Members:

1. Sridevi Panikkar, PWESCR
2. Arun Khote, NCDHR
3. Predyumna, ISI
4. R K Malviya, NIWCYD
5. J John, CEC
6. R S Tiwari, CEC

Invitees:

1. S N Gardia, Jan Jagriti Kendra
2. Jai Singh, Dalit Dasta Virodit Antholan
3. Kiran Kamal Prasad, JEEVIKA

Dr. R S Tiwari gave a brief outline on the progress of implementation of decisions taken in the previous meeting.

Consortium Members (representing ISI, NCDHR, PWESCR, NCC-USW and CEC) personally submitted the letter of demands with Nagpur Declaration and other papers to Ms. Sayeeda Hameed after discussing with her for 30 mts. *on 11th December 06.*

We also submitted letter of demands with Nagpur Declaration and other papers to Mr. B C Mungekar, Dr. Abhijit Sen, and Dr. B N Yugandhar, the Member of Planning Commission and Honorable Mr. M V Rajashekar, Minister (Planning) & Ex Officio Member and discussed issues. for more than half an hour on *13th December 06.* In these meetings Mr. Vincent of NCDHR was also present. We also met Ravi Shrivastava, Member in NCEUSW and submitted him the letter of Demands with Nagpur Declaration and other papers *on 13th Decembr 2006.*

In these meetings members of the Planning Commission and NCEUSW suggested us for building up continuous pressure particularly before or in the beginning of budget session as otherwise government i e the finance ministry and the labour ministry would ensure that the bill is not be introduced in the Parliament.

A. Major issues that were discussed are follows:

1. Reach out to people

Members felt that the campaign on social security has not yet reached the common people. It is important to organize regional and local level meetings in different parts India.

2. The campaign as a people's movement

A question was raised whether a consortium structure and a campaign strategy would be sufficient to achieve the objective of social security for unorganized workers. The campaign should take the form of a people's movement. In that context it was informed that the National Alliance for Peoples Movements (NAPM) is launching an action plan 2007.

The group welcomed the idea of joining the action 2007 plan. However, it was suggested that the campaign for social security for unorganized workers should have a course of its own.

3. Lobbying and Advocacy

The group emphasised the need form lobbying with Members of Parliament and political party leaders. There is a great possibility that the Parliament will take up a truncated version of the bill.

4. Media Campaign

The public opinion in favour of the bill on social security could be built only if effective media support is harnessed. The group decided to evolve strategies to build media support at the regional and national levels.

5. Strategy for Budget Session

While keeping in mind the need for building a people's movement on the issue of social security for unorganised workers, it is imperative for us to evolve a strategy for the 2007 budget session of the Parliament.

B. Major Decisions

1. Campaign document on social security in the regional languages to be produced.

CEC will produce the English and Hindi version which could be rewritten in much down to earth language at the regional levels. CEC will send the documents by 17th January.

2. Post card campaign

At the state and district levels a post card campaign will be initiated, in which unorganized workers will send post cards in their own hand writing to their respective MPs demanding adoption of a comprehensive legislation including social security for unorganized workers.

3. State level Conventions

State level Conventions will be organised on the issue in the states, followed by representations to the state governors seeking comprehensive legislation. These programmes could be organised on any day between February 1 -10, 2007

4. Signature Campaign

During this period signature campaign will be undertaken with a target of 1 lakh signatures which should have names and addresses of all those who sign the memorandum. CEC will prepare a common memorandum and send to the consortium members by 17th January.

The responsibilities assigned to consortium members and associates are as follows:

| S No. | Consortium Members / Associates | State |
|--------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1 | NCDHR | Orissa, Tamilnadu, Kerala, and Rajasthan |
| 2 | NIWCYD | Madhya Pradesh and Maharastra |
| 3 | ISI | Assam and North East |
| 4 | Jan Jagriti Kendra | Chattisgarh |
| 5 | Dalit Dasta Virodit Antholan | Punjab |
| 6 | FEDINA (Proposed) | Karnataka |
| 7 | LAYA (Proposed) | Andra pradesh |
| 8 | PWESCR & CEC | Delhi |

(Other consortium members kindly confirm your choice)

5. National meet and submission of signatures

Representatives from various states will meet on February 25 – 26, 2007 in Delhi and submit the memorandum with 1 lakh signatures to the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

The meeting ended at 5.30 pm .

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