

**National Convention on Social Security for Unorganised Workers -
(Organised on 26-28th October 06)**

Minutes of The Meeting of NGO partners to the Convention, held on 21st November 2006 at CEC, New Delhi.

The meeting was attended by following NGOs-representatives:

1	Arun Khote	NCDHR
2	Sridevi Panikkar	PWESCR
3	Preeti Darooka	PWESCR
4	Vasundhra	ISI
5	Pradumnya	ISI
6	Rajesh Malavia	NIWCYD
7	Subhash Bhatnagar	NCC-USW
8	Ishwar Sharma	NCC-USW
9	Ashutosh Chakrapani	NAFRE
10	J.John	CEC
11	Ravindranathan	CEC
12	Jyoti Sinha	CEC
13	Dr RS Tiwari	CEC

At the onset, consortium members expressed satisfaction for the successful three days convention wherein more than 800 people from social activists, leaders of peoples' movements, trade unions and NGOs from all over India deliberated on various dimensions of social security and the bills proposed by the government in this context. The members also applauded the efforts put by Rajesh Malviya, NIWCYD team and

the Nagpur group in excellent logistics, management & their involvement and appreciated them for their cooperation. The convention was an historic event and it is felt that follow up actions need to be taken with same enthusiasm.

The Report of the convention and the Nagpur Declaration were placed before members. It was decided that members will study the report and send their comments on or before 30th November 06 to the secretariat in CEC for its finalisation and onward transmission to all participants. The Nagpur Declaration, which is also a part of the report, has been read in the meeting and approved with modifications and additions as per suggestions of members. The report should also be translated in Hindi and in regional languages. CEC will take action in due course.

The members also expressed their views on the responses being received by them. More responses are reaching them continuously. Many NGOs want to organise state level and regional level meetings. It was decided that consortium members might take initiatives for such regional/state level seminars or work shops.

It was decided that during the current session of parliament a delegation of consortium members should meet Labour Minister, Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment and Chairman of NCEUS early and submit the decisions/ Nagpur Declaration to pursue the cause of unorganised workers.

It was decided that during the current session of parliament consortium members would seek appointment from selected members of Planning Commission to submit the decisions/ Nagpur Declaration. The local MPs should also be contacted early and decisions/ Nagpur Declaration be submitted to them and to make them sensitive towards the cause of unorganised labour and for the need of a comprehensive social security law. Consortium/ Participants who have political hold on the ground level should take initiative to fix appointment with the Government officials, meet local level ministers. They should also issue press release along with our demands highlighting in the leading newspaper.

Next meeting may be fixed after making some progress on above decisions.