

SOUTH 24 PARGANAS DISTRICT MEETING

Date: 14.08.2021

**Venue: Anukul Chandra High School, Garia, South 24
Parganas**

Time: 11AM- 2PM

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**Topic: Discussion on National Food Security
Act and S.C./S.T. Act**

SCHEDULE FOR MEETING

Time	Session	Speaker
11 - 11:15	Welcome address	Saradindu Biswas, Activist, HRLN, Kolkata
11:15 - 11:45	Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act. 2005	Munmun Haque and Subhra Mishra, Udayani Social Action Forum
11:45- 12:15	National Food Security Act. 2013. NFSA, RKS and Ration on the door step.	Soumitra Chakraborty, Advocate, HRLN Kolkata Adv. Ramprasad Sardar, Advocate, HRLN Amit Kumar Middy, Advocate, HRLN
12:15- 1	SC ST (POA) Act. 1989	Saradindu Biswas, Activist, HRLN, Kolkata
1 - 1:30	Lunch break	
1:30- 2	Free legal Aid	Advocates of HRLN

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INTRODUCTION

South Twenty Four Parganas is the largest district of West Bengal State and the second most populous district, located at the northern coast of Bay of Bengal. It shares a long international border with Bangladesh to the East. There are 2042 villages, 29 Community Development Blocks (C.D. Blocks) and 7 Municipalities in the district in 2011 which are under 33 Police Stations.

According to the 2011 Census South Twenty Four Parganas district had a population of 8,161,961. There are 24,64,032 persons with 30.19 per cent population are belong to Scheduled Castes and 1.19 per cent with 96,976 population are Scheduled Tribes. The average literacy of the district is 77.51 per cent where male literacy is 83.35 and female literacy is 71.40 per cent.

People living in South 24 Parganas depend on multiple skills, total workers are 2,964,494 out of which men are 2,356,571 and women are 607,923. Total 263,077 Cultivators are depended on agriculture farming out of 242,788 are cultivated by men and 20,289 are women. 388,993 people works in agricultural land as labour, men are 357,354 and 31,639 are women.

On 14.08.2021 HRLN organized a district meeting along with 30 participants came from different organizations. Most of the women participants came from Savitribai Phule Mahila Samity of Garagachha slum under the leadership of Manda Bijali who filed a PIL for getting Ration Cards. Adv. Ramprasad Sardar organized this meeting with the help of Saradindu Biswas at Garia Pragati Patha Bhawan, Garia Station Road near the Garia Bus Stand. At 10:30 a.m. the programme was started with registration of names of the participants followed by the inaugural talk of Saradindu Biswas. Different topics were included in the programme schedule such as 1) Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act. 2005 2) National Food Security Act. 2013. NFSA, RKSY and Ration on the door step and 3) SC ST (POA) Act. 1989.

The programme was started with an opening song by Subal Haldar an active member of Prakriti Sevasram Sangha.

SPEAKER'S SESSION

Speaker 1: Subhra Mishra, Udayani Social Action Forum

The speaker discussed on the Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act. 2005. She told that the Child Rights are also the human rights. Everyone has to take care of the growth and progress of the children as they are the citizen of near future. She arranged her speech as follows:

- Healthy mother and healthy child.
- Food and nutrition of the children.
- Different stages of mental and physical growth of the children.
- Curiosities and work abilities.
- Adolescent periods, mental and physical changes.

She took a participatory process and involved young mothers to talk about their experiences during this period.

Speaker 2: Munmun Haque

The speaker focussed on the juvenile law if the children involve in the crime. She emphasised on the friendly relationship with the children for their ideal growth. She also requested the participants to keep contact with the Child Line and make a call using 1098 for any kind of help.

Speaker 3: Poulomi Nag, Advocate, HRLN Kolkata

The speaker discussed about the Act. She mentioned that it is providing speedy trial of offences against children or of violation of child rights. She said that Child Rights describe:

- Right to identity
- Right to Health
- Right to Education
- Right to Family Life
- Right to Protection from Violence
- Right to an Opinion

- Right to Protect from Exploitation

She requested the participants to make a friendly relation to their children and help them to know all the physical and physiological changes happening with them.

Speaker 4: Milon Nirjhar Mridha

The speaker is a dalit teacher took his session on SC ST (Prevention of Atrocity) Act. 1989. He said that our nation Bharat will celebrate its 75 Independence Day tomorrow but still the aboriginal people have been suffering from brutal atrocities by the upper caste. This atrocity has long influences through the caste system of Hinduism. If a person considered a member of the caste into which he or she born must have remain within that caste until death. Crime against SC/ST has increased day by day, at the same time gaps in implementation of the SC ST (POA) Act. 1989. After that he focused on POA Act. and explained how the Act. protect SC ST from the atrocities by the upper caste people.

OFFENCES OF ATROCITIES:

- Forces drink or eat obnoxious substance
- Acts with intent to cause injury
- Insult or annoyance
- Dumping excreta, waste matter his/her premises
- Forcibly removes
- Wrongfully occupies or cultivates any land owned by SC
- Wrongfully dispossesses etc.

He said that a complaint to be launched describing all the facts under SC ST (POA) Act. For the purpose of providing speedy trial, a Special Court to try offences under this Act.

If it is necessary for an inquiry the District Magistrate or a Sub-divisional Magistrate or any other Executive Magistrate or any police officer not below the rank of a Deputy Superintendent of Police can do on receiving information from the victim.

The minimum punishment provided in this Act is six months of imprisonment and with fine. In the case of murder gang rape shall be punished with imprisonment for life or punished with death.

Speaker 5: Ramprashad Sardar, Advocate, HRLN

Emphasizing on the National Food Security the speaker mentioned that in March 2021 HRLN conducted a fact finding at Garia Garagachha Slum and collected barcode from the slum dwellers applied for BPL ration card in the year 2019 and have not yet received the same. On 30.06.2021 HRLN filed a writ petition and got suitable response from the honorable High Court, Kolkata. Manda Bijali one of the member of Savitribai Phule Mahila Samity filed this case on

behalf of the slum dwellers. The honorable High Court, Kolkata said that In the event, however, the slum dwellers do not receive the same within the responsible time learned counsel for the State submits that they can approach the Area Inspector, Rajpur Sonarpur Municipality. So it is a great success of the slum dwellers for their fight.

Speaker 6: Amit Middy, Advocate, HRLN

The speaker said that NFSA provides the food and nutrition security to the Indian nationals in human life cycle approach. This Act came into force in the year 2013. West Bengal Government also prepared a RKSY to provide food and nutrition to the citizen. Now West Bengal Government announced Duare Sarkar to provide all the facilities and started camps in different places.

Speaker 7: Saradindu Biswas, Activist, HRLN

The speaker discussed on the NFSA is a holistic programme to provide food and nutrition of Indian Citizens. It comprises 8 such schemes such as:

- 1) Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS)
- 2) Mid Day Meal (MDM)
- 3) Maternity Benefit Scheme
- 4) Family Benefit Scheme
- 5) Public Distribution System
- 6) Old Age Pension Scheme
- 7) Antodaya Anna Yojana and
- 8) Annapurna Scheme

He said that there is a redress mechanism system in this Act. People can complaints regarding non distribution of food entitled food grains. A District Grievance Redressal Officer shall be such as may be prescribed by the State Government.

Speaker 8: Mobina Ali, Advocate, HRLN Kolkata

The speaker discussed on the cases done by HRLN Kolkata during COVID-19 pandemic and Lockdown period. She tried to steer up the participants to keep contact with HRLN for any type of judiciary help.

Speaker 8: Nimai Kumar Sarkar, Baruipur Court

The speaker thanked the slum dwellers for their success fight for the ration cards. He said that this experience will empower the people.

INTERACTIVE SESSION

Advocates of HRLN spoke with the victims enquiring about their problems followed by an interactive session with the participants. In this interactive session, the participants raised various questions which were answered by the advocates of HRLN.

RECOMMENDATION & ACTION PLAN

Some participants wanted to talk with the lawyers to discuss about various matters. HRLN lawyers tried to consult with them and suggested the participants for necessary measure to be taken. Adv. Ramprasad Sardar requested the participants to keep contact with Saradindu Biswas for getting e-Ration Card. Mr. Biswas requested to the slum dwellers to go BDO office along with him on 16th August, 2021.

Annexure A

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Annexure B

