

Consultation on Findings of SC/ST PoA Act Study

DSS has organized a workshop/consultation with state level dalit organizations, SC, ST Employee Welfare Associations, advocates, HRDs, dalit activists on 22nd February 2014 at Dr BR Ambedkar Spoorthi Bhavan, Hyderabad. The meeting was presided over by Jhansi Geddam Convener- DSS. Ambedkar's photo was garlanded by advocates Jajula Gowri, Hemalatha and followed by the self introduction of participants. GDV Prakash Programme Manger of DSS said that the objective of the workshop was to share the findings of "**Law In Action - A Report**" a study with reference to implementation of SC, ST PoA Act 1989 in Andhra Pradesh done by DSS, similarly to share proceedings of Legal Clinic held on 4th February 2014 with the state officers of concerned departments and look for ways forward.

Jhansi Geddam in her presidential address said that Right to Life is very important and DSS has been mainly working on the eradication of violence against dalit adivasi women and girl children, similarly all the organizations present here are working on different aspects in their respective areas for years together. She explained the purpose of the study and said on the whole if we can ensure that our interventions are successful, it means we have triumphed over our tribulations. Procuring information from the 5 districts was an uphill task for us and hence we approached Addl DGP-CID. Later data was procured from the five districts officially by the PCR-Cell.



In order to share the findings and recommendations of the study with concerned departments, Legal Clinic was organized on 3rd & 4th February 2014. Victims and witnesses of 22 major cases with violations and the study report were placed before Social Welfare Department, PCR-Cell (Police) and Director of Prosecutions for further action. She shared the 2 days process and has asked the participants to discuss on taking forward these findings.

Heads of various organizations have expressed that an excellent work was done by DSS and this report will be helpful to pin point the gaps in the implementation of the Act. The report also gives a clear picture on the present scenario of the implementation and impact. All have assured to take forward the recommendations with the concerned officers in their respective areas.



