



## RECOGNISE MY WORK, ENSURE MINIMUM WAGES

I am a home-based worker in the craft sector.

We, the home based craft workers, continue to remain an invisible lot to the policymakers and the public, who are the final consumers of the goods we produce. Even as we slog in our homes in pathetic conditions and are faced with risks due to the prolonged exposure to hazardous chemicals, we are denied rights to a decent livelihood and social security.

Even while the consumers pay a standard price for the product, we are paid very low. We are also forced to engage our children in work as the wages are given based on the number of pieces we have produced. The problem can be solved only if we are provided fixed minimum wages. Being paid low and irregular wages, faced with poor infrastructure and under-employment, several of us are compelled to quit out traditional craft and migrate to other fields to earn a living. HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND, I TO HAVE DREAMS FOR MY FAMILY.

We request the Ministry of Labour to RECOGNISE US AS WORKERS and include craft sector into the scheduled employment under the Minimum Wages Act. We also request the Ministry to carry out scientific studies in a transparent manner to assess the amount of time we spend on work, which should also be considered while fixing minimum wage. Ensuring minimum wages will not only guarantee us sustainable work, but also ensure a minimum standard of living and regular schooling of our children.

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