

GIST OF DISCUSSIONS OF THE REVIEW MEETING ON REHABILITATION OF BONDED LABOUR WITH NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN THE CHAMBERS OF DISTRICT COLLECTOR, RANGA REDDY BY THE HON'BLE JUSTICE RAMASWAMY, MEMBER NHRC, ON 13-7-2000.

Present were

1. Justice Ramaswamy, Member, NHRC,
2. Sri A.K. Tigidi, I.A.S., Commissioner of Social Welfare,
3. Sri Ajay Jain, I.A.S., District Collector, Ranga Reddy District.
4. Sri Vijayanand, I.A.S., Joint Collector, Ranga Reddy District.
5. Smt. Shantha Sinha, Secretary, M. V. Foundation.

1. In the review meeting held on 13-7-2000 Hon'ble Member, National Human Rights Commission, while addressing he has stated that the system of Bonded Labour should be abolished within two years and viewed that day by day the people below poverty

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line are increasing to the above 50% and stressed that people who are living in the slums in the urban areas the facilities provided to them are very inadequate by the Government and suggested it is the responsibility of the Government. He has stated that the Non Governmental Organisations must be involved along with Governments to eradicate the system of Bonded Labour and Child Labour and to take rehabilitation measures immediately. They have to be provided oxen, bullock carts and lands to the released Bonded Labourer. He has stressed the steps taken at Mahaboobnagar district i.e. regarding formation of Co-operative societies to the freed Bonded Labourer and advised the Collector, Ranga Reddy to do the same as these are giving good results at Mahabubnagar.

2. The District Collector, Ranga Reddy has stated there are 14,404 Bonded Labour in the district and they are taking steps to identify and to rehabilitate them. During this year they have opened 40 new schools to admit the children of Bonded Labour under Back to School Programme and also taking steps to eradicate child labour system.

3. Smt. Shantha Sinha, Secretary, M. V. Foundation, while addressing she has stressed to root-out the child labour system and to provide employment to the elders of children labour to reduce child labourers and suggested to establish vigilance wings at mandai level so as to take stringent action against persons responsible. They have made suggestions to involve representatives of non-governmental organisation and Utilise their services in identification and also to take rehabilitation measures for the success of programme as it was one of the items of Janmabhoomi in 12th and 13th round of programmes.

A.K. TIGIDI, I.A.S.
Commissioner of Social welfare