

Patna Declaration adopted at the National Convention on Social Security for Unorganised Workers on January 10, 2010

The following declaration was adopted at the National Convention on Social Security for unorganised Workers organised by Social Security Now (SSN) on January 8-10, 2010 at Patna, Bihar.

We, the members of SSN, and participants of the National Convention on Social Security for Unorganised Workers in Patna on January 8-10, 2010 representing workers organisations, people's movements, organisations campaigning for social security, organisations of dalit, adivasis and other socially disadvantaged groups declare:

- Make comprehensive amendments to the UWSSA 2008 including the definition of social security; inclusion of social security benefits in the body of the Act; extension of social security to all people living and working in India irrespective of status or nature of employment, quantum of wages, gender, race or caste; provision for dispute settlement and creation of social security fund
- Social security should address among other things the social inclusion of dalits, non-displacement of adivasis, housing rights of dalits and adivasis, recognition of unpaid work of women, land rights of women and vulnerabilities of migrants
- Social security should be universal and non discriminatory and state should ensure social security to all people living and working in India with stringent provisions for implementation and monitoring
- State should provide 5 per cent of the GDP for universal non-discriminatory social security as all people living and working in India have the right over the wealth collectively produced in India

Further, the Convention resolves to

- Launch a national movement for universal and non-discriminatory social security for all people living and working in India with emphasis on social security for those who have been denied
- Observe February 23, 2010 as a national action day demanding 5 per cent of GDP for social security
- Take an oath to carry the message of the inalienable right to social security to all those who have been denied social security and mobilise half of the population to demand social security

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