

Report of the Dharna held on 22nd November 2007 at ITO and G.T.Karnal By-Pass in Delhi by Unorganised Workers for demanding comprehensive Social Security Legislation

The Dharna was attended by DSS,HRA, CEC, DELHI FORUM, ISI

PWESCR SEWA Bharti NCC-USW and more then 300 workers, activists and representatives of unions.

The Dharna began at ITO and G.T. Karnal By-Pass, demanding the introduction of comprehensive Social Security for the Unorganised Workers Bills in the ongoing winter session of the Parliament. The Dharna was a part of nationwide demonstration and rallies conducted by unorganized workers, people groups and civil society organizations. At ITO, Dharna was co-ordinated by DSS and HRA. The Dharna was held between 9.30 -11.30 a.m. 70 representatives of different organizations gathered at ITO Dharna.

At G.T. Karnal By-Pass the Dharna was co-ordinated by NCC-USW. The Dharna was held between 10.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m. Approximately 150 people participated. Mega phone was used to reach out to people.

The Dharna began with putting banners (Chinese and Big Banners) and posters. The participants distributed handouts for public awareness on the need and demand for a comprehensive social security bill for the unorganized workers. The main aim of Dharna was to ensure a bill that encompasses social security for all sectors of the unorganized workers. The Dharna urged the parliamentary standing committee to dump the bill and come up with a comprehensive legislation on social security for the unorganized workers immediately incorporating employment regulation, livelihood protection and dispute resolution based on the principal of social justice. During the Dharna, Shashi Pandit of Harit Recyclers Association (HRA) said "If our demand for comprehensive social security legislation is not considered in the winter session of the parliament, we will intensify our agitation with mass action."

A press release was prepared both in English and Hindi and sent to all electronic and print media on the same day.