

Summary Report on submission of Reservation Modality to HMG/N

A delegation team of Dalit NGO Federation (DNF) on dated 4th May 2005 submitted a **Reservation Modality** for the Dalit Community of Nepal to Hon. Dr. Tulsi Giri, Vice Chairman of the cabinet of ministers. In the last few years, Government had announced to give reservation for the Dalit community but they have not yet been able to implement it. The newly formed Government under the Chairmanship of the King of Nepal has included reservation for Dalit Community in its 21 points programme list with priority.

DNF since last two years had been involved in different investigation and researches on the form of reservation modality for the Dalit Community of Nepal. In this regard, DNF consulted various intellectuals & experts, studied reservation system of India & other countries and drafted the **Reservation Modality** required for the Nepalese Dalit Community and finally handed over to HMG/N. In this occasion, DNF raised its voice and concern towards the burning issues related to Dalits like distribution of lands to landless Dalits, education, health, establishment of Dalit ministry, formation of Dalit Commission as a constitutional body, proportional representation in the Government and its related bodies.

Delegation team was headed by the General Secretary of DNF, Mr. Gajadhar Sunar and Mr. Maan Bahadur Bishwakarma – Former MP of the Upper House and Advisor of DNF, Mr. Tej Sunar – Secretary & Executive Director of DNF, Mr. Tirtha Bishwakarma, Ms. Renu Sijapati and Adv. Mr. Bimal Bishwakarma were other members of the team. Mr. Gajadhar Sunar read out the memorandum whereas Adv. Mr. Bimal Bishwakarma informed about the modality of reservation.

On the occasion, various other relevant demands related to Dalit community were also presented.

- Establishing of separate Dalit ministry,
- Distribution of land to landless Dalits,
- Commercialization of the traditional occupations,
- Publication of an index of Dalit community,
- Managing the National Dalit Commission through legislation and making it a constitutional body,
- Proportional representation in the socio-political and economical processes,
- Introduction of relief programmes for the upliftment of Dalit community, and
- Allocation of adequate budget for development programmes in the fiscal year 2062-63 B.S.

Vice Chairman thanked the delegation team for their effort on preparing and submitting reservation modality to the Government. He showed his keen interests in some other issues related to Dalits and finally told that everyone should focus not just on making laws & policies but implementing it. He also committed that upon the availability of resources, he would implement it gradually.

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