

**Government of India
National Advisory Council**

21st October, 2011

1. The Sixteenth meeting of the National Advisory Council was chaired by Smt. Sonia Gandhi on 21st October, 2011 at 2 Motilal Nehru Place, New Delhi.
2. Members who attended the meeting were Prof M. S. Swaminathan, Dr. A.K. Shiva Kumar, Dr. Narendra Jadhav, Prof. Pramod Tandon, Ms. Aruna Roy, Shri Deep Joshi, Ms. Anu Aga, Ms. Farah Naqvi and Shri Harsh Mander.
3. A two minute silence was observed as a mark of respect for Prof. Ram Dayal Munda, Member of the NAC and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), who passed away in Ranchi on 30th September, 2011, after a prolonged illness.
4. Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation appraised the Council of the action by the Ministry on the recommendations of NAC seeking a central legislation on Street vendors. The NAC, in its meeting held on 25th May, 2011, had recommended formulation of a Central Law drawing from the strong points of the National Policy on Street Vendors with a view to preserving existing employment and livelihoods through street vending, and providing opportunities for the future growth of employment in the growing cities, while protecting the interests of the consumers, pedestrians and traffic. NAC had also recommended inter alia that principles of natural markets should be incorporated in the law and that minimum quantitative norms should be prescribed for the numbers of street vendors to be accommodated.
5. Shri Harsh Mander, Member & Convener of the Working Group on Urban Poverty made a presentation on the draft recommendations of the Working Group suggesting reforms to Rajiv Awas Yojana Scheme.
6. Shri Harsh Mander, Member & Convener of the Working Group on Social Protection presented draft recommendations of the Working Group on Abolition of Child Labour.
7. Ms Farah Naqvi, Member & Joint Convener of the Working Group on Minority Affairs gave an update and presented draft recommendations on development of minorities, with particular reference to the 12th Plan.
8. Shri Shivakumar, Member & Convener of the Working Group on Social Security for Unorganized Workers updated the Council on the progress made so far.

9. Ms Farah Naqvi, Member and Joint Convener of the Working Group on Dalit Issues presented the draft recommendations on the Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP), with particular reference to the 12th Plan.
10. Smt. Aruna Roy, Member & Convener of the Working Group on Transparency, Accountability & Governance updated the Council on issues relating to Pre-legislative process.
11. The NAC agreed that the draft recommendations of the Working Groups on the subjects of
 - a. Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY);
 - b. Abolition of Child labour;
 - c. Schemes for Minorities development;
 - d. Social Security for Unorganized Workers; and
 - e. Scheduled Castes Sub- Plan

be placed on the NAC website as draft recommendations of the respective Working Groups to solicit comments from the public, before they are finalized.

12. The next meeting of the NAC is scheduled to be held on 29th November, 2011.