

Government of India
National Advisory Council

24 September, 2010

1. The Fifth meeting of the National Advisory Council was chaired by Smt. Sonia Gandhi on 24th September, 2010 at 2 Motilal Nehru Place, New Delhi.
2. Members who attended the meeting were Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, MP, Dr. Ram Dayal Munda, MP, Prof. Narendra Jadhav, Prof. Pramod Tandon, Dr. Jean Dreze, Ms. Aruna Roy, Ms Anu Aga, Shri N.C. Saxena, Dr. A.K. Shiva Kumar, Shri Deep Joshi, Ms. Farah Naqvi, Shri Harsh Mander and Ms. Mirai Chatterjee.
3. A presentation was made by Shri Harsh Mander, convenor of the Working Group on the framework of proposed Right to Food Security Bill detailing the Working Group's proposal.
4. Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Shri Montek S Ahluwalia, Secretary (Food & Public Distribution), Smt. Alka Sirohi, Secretary (Women & Child Development), Dr D.K. Sikri, and Secretary (Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation), Ms Kiran Dhingra made presentations, placing the viewpoint of the Planning Commission and respective Ministries/Departments.
5. The Working Group took note of the issues which emerged from the discussion. A further round of discussions is to take place before the proposal of the Working Group could be finalised.
6. The next meeting of the NAC is scheduled to be held on 23 October, 2010.