

PROGRESS REPORT

MANUSKI SOCIAL PROJECT (OCTOBER 2013 TO MARCH 2014)

PROGRESS TOWARDS OVERALL GOAL OF THE PROJECT

- Throughout the year Manuski built the technical as well as human rights based capacity of 10 dalit and adivasi organization 2 from Ex NTI student background, 3 from Adivasi and DNT's, 4 from Dalit and 1 from Dalit Women Lead.
- In order to make government accountable submitted 2 joint facts finding cases of atrocities happened on dalits to National Human Rights commission and filed 74 RTI's regarding POA Act and SCSP budget's information in Maharashtra state.
- Manuski has become part of 5 different National level networks which are working for Dalit and Adivasi women's rights namely All India Dalit Mahila Adhikar Manch (AIDMAM), Women in Governance (WinG's), Maitri, National Federation of Dalit Land Right Movement (NFDLRM) and Action aid's women's forum on gender and diversity auditing.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT

- A State level women conference at Ahmednagar had been attended by 250 participants which is a measure success of mobilizing participants for the event organized by Manuski to raise voice for Dalit, Adivasi and NT/DNT women's self respect and dignity.
- Within a year 10 organizations & almost 70 Activist are trained in Right to Information Act (RTI) and now capable of filing RTI applications by their own to raised voice on prevailing communities' issues.
- Due to continuous efforts both at state and national level by the coalition members formed for strengthening POA Act, Ordinance on amendment assent given by Honorable President of India on 4th March, 2014
- UPA chairperson and other political party were promised to bring legislation on SCSP/TSP and made that demand as part of manifesto in election 2014.
- Manuski is an active partner for Atrocity Tracking and Monitoring System (ATM), supported by National Coalition and designed and developed by Manuski. <http://www.annihilatecaste.in/>

PROGRESS TOWARDS OUTCOMES

In the table below, please outline the activities undertaken during the reporting period towards the achievement of project outcomes (as outlined in the work plan).

OUTCOMES <i>What you were aiming to bring about</i>	(OUTPUTS) ACTIVITIES <i>What you did to bring about the outcomes.</i>	INDICATORS <i>Quantitative and qualitative evidence which measures success.</i>
A .TO MAKE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE		
<p>Making Government accountable to disadvantaged in India through filing of 5 RTI applications in the area of social change and development each year, submitting 6 fact finding reports to NHRC, developing campaign for budget rights of Schedule castes</p>	<p><u>D)Participation in seminars and consultations related to the HR issues</u></p> <p>1) Public Hearing on Dalit Human Rights Defenders Atrocities cases.</p> <p>A public hearing held on 5th and 6th October, 2013 in Baramati for all regional partners/activists on atrocities happening on activist' who are fighting or supporting victims of atrocities. The program was held in collaboration with local activists, NDMJ Maharashtra and Manuski. The victims of the atrocity have shared their cases or hindrance in legal process. R. K. Gaikwad, Commissioner Social Welfare, Dr. S Prasad, Dr. Chandrasen, National Law School, Bangalore, Adv. Priyadarshi Telang, Pune commented on each case and recommended suggestions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 200 participants all over Maharashtra attended the meeting • Following cases were immediately considered by Commissionerate Social Justice and Empowerment for Relief and Rehabilitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Chandrakant Gaikwad's case -Anand Gaikwad's case -Sonnai Case • Documented 30 cases in a format for drafting a report on atrocities on activists as well as their status and submitted to NDMJ for further processing.
	<p>2)Attended Regional Project Partners Meet 2013 organized by Action aid</p> <p>Manuski attended meeting on 7th and 9th October to understand partner's organization working area and issues. There were nearly 100 participants attended the meeting. The issues discussed in the meetings were land rights, women's rights, politics in India in a brief & solution for it, SC/ST people's security, and peoples civil rights.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manuski has shared its experience while working on subject of manual scavenging, status of survey in Maharashtra and our initiative in campaign against eradication of manual scavenging.
	<p>3) Attended public meet on issue of marginalized people & role of political parties' on it arranged by AFARM on 28th October 13.</p> <p>It is very important to learn how to make People's manifesto as 2014 Election is imminent. The process of making people's manifesto and advocating issues of dalit, adivasis and nomads in political parties manifesto.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almost 21 organizations from Maharashtra have been participated in this meeting. • Dalit manifesto has been prepared.

	<p>4) Attended National Workshop on ‘Implementation of Schedule Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) / Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) Act & Budget’ at Centre for Dalit Studies (CDS) Hyderabad on 9th to 10th October</p> <p>The purpose of the workshop was to understand Budget, SCSP/TSP act legislation & implementation & overall budget status in India & each state. Leaders from each state have shared current status of budget work in their areas. Some Government officials & MLAs have shared their experiences before & after SCSP/TSP act legislation & implementation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People from various states around 60 participants had come for this workshop. • Manuski has shared status of funds allocated and denial by government of Maharashtra under SCSP.
	<p>5) Participated in workshop on TSP & SCSP & Dalit Women Economic Empowerment on 21st Oct’13, arranged by NCDHR Delhi.</p> <p>In order to understand budget from women’s point of view, their share in whole budget of a country, representatives from Manuski attended the workshop. Nearly 200 participants attended the workshop throughout India.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Got the information on how budget is needful for women’s growth especially in the area of women’s education, health, security and livelihood. According to the population of SC/ST, they should get 25% share in total budget and in that SC/ST women should have 50% of share.
	<p>6) Core team members planning meeting of National Coalition for Strengthening SC/ST PoA Act at New Delhi for POA amendments.</p> <p>Members decided to meet Parliamentarians in respective constituencies for POA Amendments considering forthcoming Budget session and Loksabha election.</p>	<p>Attended meeting on 19th November at National Coalition secretariat New Delhi. Second meeting with Parliamentarians was called on 27th and 28th November at Constitution Club.</p> <p>Had meetings with MP’s and memorandum were submitted to them at Pune, Solapur, Ahmednagar and South Mumbai.</p>
	<p>7) Participated in Strategic planning meeting of Coalition to advocate legislation on SCP/ TSP and PoA, at Constitution Club, New Delhi on 27 & 28th November, 2013. Manuski shared experience of advocating both issues during assembly session at Nagpur, and suggested to identify key parliamentarians to follow them for presenting a white paper on both subjects</p>	<p>Manuski also shared issues of Buddhist in India though there is constitutional amendment in 1990 but they are not enlisted as SC’s and therefore there is no allocation in the budget.</p> <p>http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/law-soon-to-ensure-delivery-of-resources-under-sc-st-subplans/article5430807.ece?css=print</p>

	<p>8. Meeting Member of Legislative Assembly members during Winter Session at Nagpur from 10-12th December, 2013 for legislation on SCSP/ TSP.</p>	<p>Submitted joint memorandum to Mr. Shivaji Moghe, Social Justice and Empowerment Minister signed by dalit and adivasi organizations in Maharashtra.</p>
	<p>9. Attended Partners Learning Meeting of IPAP, DFID conveyed by Christian Aid on Manual Scavenging, Prevention of Atrocities, Special Component Plan held at USI, New Delhi from 16-18th December, 2013</p>	<p>Manuski was invitee for the meeting, as a campaign partner on POA and Budget.</p>
	<p>10. Advocacy and lobby work at New Delhi from 5th to 7th February, 2014 during budget session of Parliament for last effort by National Coalition to push SCSP & PoA Amendment Bill.</p>	<p>National Coalition Members formed 8 groups, five in each to meet around 80 Member of Parliament during session. As a core team member we meet all leading politicians like Ram Vilas Paswan, Laloo Prasad Yadav, Punia, Jairam Ramesh, Sonia Gandhi, and other opposition leaders. Sonia Gandhi promised that if bill is not introduced, then they will certainly amend it through ordinance.</p>
	<p>11. Cultures of Peace festival of the Northeast on 30th and 31st at the Savitribai Phule Centre for Womens Studies, Pune.</p>	<p>Manuski shared their work experience on Caste Violence Against Dalit and Adiviasi Women at Pune University.</p>
	<p>12. Meetings with Pune University Senate Members on SCSP & TSP Planning commission directives and inclusion of separate budget allocation at Pune University.</p>	<p>Pune University Senate Meeting formally uphold and approved the budgetary allocation for SC/ST students which was reported in leading Marathi daily Lokmat Times on 17th March,</p>
	<p><u>II) Submission of Right to Information (RTI) on social issues of SC/ST</u></p>	
	<p>Submitted 74 RTI's on following 4 subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted RTI to find out number of special courts established in 35 districts of Maharashtra and panel of special public prosecutor's appointed under POA act 1989 • Submitted RTI to planning commission to get the information of allocation and expenditure with percentage under SCSP and Special central assistance in Maharashtra State during the period of 1980 to 2013 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received reply from 31 districts. It has come forward that there is no special court in their districts established under this act and also no panel of public prosecutor. However the concern authorities from Usmanabad, Dhule, Nagpur, Wardha districts have stated that the process of appointment of public prosecutor is going on. • Regarding information of SCSP monthly reports, received reply from 5 districts namely Pune, Nashik, Ahmednagar, Sangli and Ratnagiri (Alibaug).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted RTI to Social Justice and Social welfare department to get the information on SCSP monthly report. • Submitted RTI to Social Justice and Social Welfare department to get information of allocation and expenditure of Dadasaheb Gaikwad scheme, Education, Housing, hostel. 	
	<p><u>III) Training in Right to Information Act 2005</u></p> <p>Organized 2 trainings in RTI in Pune and Sambalpur, Odisha respectively on 28th to 29th December and on 14th to 15th February.</p> <p>The purpose of the training was to provide technical knowledge of Right to Information Act, 2005 and raise marginalized communities' voice and making society and government accountable through them in context to state and center RTI Act 2005.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Participants : Pune, -28, Sambalpur, Odisha 40 • Distinguish groups of individuals, activists and organization were present including Students of social science, MBA, Lawyer, etc • Participants felt empowered by receiving thorough information in terms of accessing technical knowledge on RTI Act and they assured to file RTIs in their working areas on bonded labour, schemes related to livelihood and POA act.
	<p><u>IV) Fact Finding of atrocity cases</u></p> <p>Did Fact finding in following 2 atrocity cases.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Murder of Dalit Farmer in Dhule district on 23rd October, 2013. 2. Dalit girl beaten, mom stripped by mob (Maratha, Hindu) in Public on 21st January, 2014 in Ahmednagar district. (Details followed in case studies) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted both these fact finding reports to National Human Rights Commission on 11th March, 2014 and 4th March, 2014. In the Dalit farmer murder case prior to filing case to NHRC, pursued the case with National Commission for Scheduled Castes, through regional office at Pune.
<i>B. DEVELOPMENT OF LOOSE NETWORK</i>		
<p>Development of loose network and working in coalition with other Dalit organisations from diverse caste, of DNTs, and Dalit women activists to create awareness, advocate, and campaign for their</p>	<p><u>D) Two Regional Consultations</u></p> <p>1) A regional consultation has been arranged at Manuski on 9th November and on 2nd Feb at Beed for creating partners or network in Maharashtra to work on budget issues. In the consultations had discussion and sharing on economic rights of Dalit, history of the Scheduled caste sub plan, Budgeting procedures, current condition of SCSP and way forward.</p>	<p>1) Total No. of participants attended the regional consultation</p> <p>In Pune -20</p> <p>In Beed- 60</p>

<p>rights (particularly budget rights and social safety through effective implementation of PoA) with special focus on Training and networking of women from marginalised communities in Maharashtra in alliance with Maitri network for Dalit women</p>	<p>2) Awareness meetings were held at 12 districts of Maharashtra from 2nd November to 9th November on the subject of SCSP.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had interaction around 200 activists in the visited districts.
	<p>3. Press conference on Dalit budget and meeting of activists and dalit organizations at Marathi Patrakar Bhavan, were held on 8th November, 2013 on SCSP. In the meeting it was decided to have a joint forum to raise voice & accountability on the subject of SCSP and TSP legislation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 activists from and around Mumbai were present for meeting. Mr. Lalit Babar and Priyadarshi Telang from Manuski were nominated as Convener for the joint forum in Maharashtra for budget campaign and atrocities.
	<p>4. Organized one day workshop on SCSP budget on 27th March 2014 at Nanded. The purpose of the workshop was to create awareness in dalit orgs, social actives political leaders on Scheduled caste budget. The speaker from Manuski talked on general understanding about budget, Indian budget making process, Classification of Indian budget, History of SCSP and current condition, SCSP analysis of 20 years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 25 participants of different background like professor, principal, lecturer, engineer, media persons, etc attended the workshop. Participants are willing to take more awareness program on budget in their block, villages with the assistance of Manuski.
	<p>5. Strategic Consultation on ‘Exploring social media for awareness of Dalit/Adivasis issues on economic development’.</p> <p>Organized strategic consultation on 30th March, 2014 at Manuski. The purpose of consultation was to bring collective voice for the legislation of POA Amendment Ordinance 2014 and SCSP/TSP. Also to introduce atrocity tracking and Monitoring web application. In the consultation discussion held on information & awareness on POA Amendment Ordinance 2014 & strategy how to support for this new legislation, Dalit/Adivasi Social, political & economical empowerment, policies & its gaps on implementation and Social Media on Dalit/Adivasis issues.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almost 100 participants have attended this consultation. A network has been established with Dalit organizations, movements, coalition, activist, legal authorities, teachers, & govt official from different areas & social media representatives for working on Dalit/Adivasis legal rights. • An atrocity Tracking and Monitoring web application is introduced to organizations, so as to have easy access, storage and retrieval of fact finding reports.
	<p>6. Network building with individual activists in Phoolpur District, Punjab on 27th and 28th October</p> <p>In order to build the network with individual activists and explore the possibilities to work together participated</p>	<p>People attended the event: 200</p> <p>People who attended the event came to know about the work of MANUSKI. Got connected with likeminded activists. From</p>

	<p>in the annual function of '<i>Bodhisatva Ambedkar Public School and Dhamma Chakra Pravartar Day</i>' In this event representatives from Manuski spoke on need to enhance the participation of dalit women in the Ambedkarite movement.</p>	<p>the activists it has come forward that there are much scope in Punjab in terms of human and other resources to work on Dalit issues but there is lack of guidance. Communication channels need to develop.</p>
	<p>7 Conducted 2 days retreat with Asha workers in Pune on 4th -5th December. Asha workers mean Accredited social health activists (ASHAs) who are community health workers instituted by the government of India's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The purpose of the retreat was to inculcate in them the caste and gender aspects while working on their issues and introduce the meditation practices while working in stressful condition.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total no. of women participated - 30. • Asha workers became highly motivated and inspired after getting the knowledge of root cause of women's deprivation i.e. caste and gender and contribution made by the forefather of women's liberation. • The women group and their coordinator expressed the need of more such a retreats and showed willingness to participate in future retreats. • On this concept the proposal on 'Transformation of Buddhist and Dalit women' has been prepared and submitted to individual donor.
	<p>8. Participated in State level training on Land rights for Dalit women leaders on 18th and 19th January organized by National Federation of Dalit Land Right Movement (NFDLRM). Got information on amended land act, women's role and participation in getting land rights.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manuski came in contact with 40 new Dalit women activists from all over Maharashtra who are working on land rights and on dalit women's issues. • Manuski became the part of core team who will work on land rights.
	<p>9. Participated in perspective building and strengthening of regional chapters for Dalit women activists organized by Women in Governance (WINGs) on 28th to 30th January. This is a network of women who are striving to be agents of change in a world dominated by misogynist and caste mind sets.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manuski became part of Wings network
	<p>10. Participated in Log frame training held in Nagpur on 14th to 17th January. Representatives from Manuski participated in the training organized by Maitri Network. In the training prepared the logical framework for Maitri network for 5 years. Also participated in follow up meeting of Maitri held in 30th -31st March in Pune.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manuski became part of Maitri Network.

	<p>11. Participated in TOT of Gender and Diversity Audit held on 3rd to 6th March Representative from Manuski participated in this TOT organized by Action Aid at Bhuvaneshwar, Odisha. The aim of this TOT is to create a body of feminists trained in gender and diversity auditing and contribute effectively to building a women friendly and feminist organization.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Representative from the Manuski got the opportunity to learn the Gender and diversity auditing which is one of the important developmental tools. • Manuski became the partner in this initiative of the women’s forum, Action-Aid.
	<p>12. Dalit and Adivasi women (DAW) self respect and dignity conference. A state level conference organized on 10th March in Ahmednagar. The aim of the conference was to raise a voice against the exploitation and the atrocities happening with DAW in Maharashtra. In the conference the speakers spoke on security and self respect of DAW, their rights on natural resources and movement and DAW is neglected component (Socio-economic and political dimensions).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total no. of participants -250. Core team formed to raise voice against violence on Dalit and adivasi women and following some important demands were made. - 50 percent of all SCSP and TSP related schemes must be specifically focused on Dalit and Adivasi women. - Give more powers to elected Dalit and Adivasi Women sarpanch for empowerment of women at local level. -Ensure effective rehabilitation of DAW affected by violence by allocating 5 acres of dry land or 2.5 acres of wet land at rural and employment at urban level. -Special schemes should be implemented that priorities reallocation of surplus land, ceiling land to landless Dalits and Adivasis with the land title registered in in the name of Dalit women or as joint title.
	<p>13. Participated in National Dalit Women’s Self Respect Conference on 12th March, at Jantar Mantar, Delhi Manuski team and some dalit women activists from Maharashtra participated in the conference organized by All India Dalit Mahila Adhikar Manch (AIDMAM). The AIDMAM national campaign to end caste-based sexual violence. Throughout the India almost 20 representatives with their team (approximately 300 dalit women) had gathered together to take part in conference. Representatives from different states have shared their experiences about the marches and programs they have organized in their states.</p>	<p>The representatives from Manuski and the activists from different districts Maharashtra shared their experiences of fighting against atrocities. It was an great opportunity for all the activists to interact with the dalit women leaders from different states and cherished their moments. Manuski became the active part of this network which works at national level. This participation leads to enhance the confidence and solidarity among the participants who are part of Manuski.</p>

C)CAPACITY BUILDING

<p>Capacity building (Technical and human rights advocacy) of 40 organisations from Dalits, DNTs and Manual Scavenging communities 25 from Maharashtra and 15 throughout India (9 from Dalit background, 15 from NTI alumni network (13 men led, 2 women led), 7 women led, 1 Manual Scavenging led, 8 NT-DNT led</p>	<p>1. Training in Technical capacity Building</p> <p>Conducted Consultation Workshop with Ex-NTI students and other individual activists in Alwar district, Rajasthan on 22nd and 23rd October. The purpose of the training was to build the technical capacity of Ex-NTI students who are interested to form organization and work especially on dalit issues and other individual activists in their network.</p>	<p>No. Of Participant: 1) Alwar workshop: 30 2) At Bhajeda villiage: 50</p> <p>Participants got the information on following subjects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -registration with charity -12A/80G Certification -PAN No, FCRA -Structure of the organization <p>Participants expressed that they want more training on organization development.</p>
	<p>2. Training on Prevention of Atrocities Act</p> <p>Conducted training on POA Act on 15th to 16th March 2014 in Sambalpur Odisha.</p> <p><u>The purpose of the training</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop network among dalit organizations to share the thread of solidarity in adverse situation and give training on PoA act in context of access to justice. • To empower Activist and NGO's by delivering information about PoA act 1989 and impending new changes in the act in ordinance in the center. <p>In the training discussion held on dalit Activism and its Dimension in Odhisha, UN declaration of human rights and fundamental rights of Indian constitutions, POA act, 1989 and new amendment.</p>	<p><u>Number of Participants:</u> 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants felt empowered by accessing the technical facts like FIR, dealing with Administration, provisions for compensation and related knowledge on PoA Act in the context of Odisha. • A loose network has been formed and Kalinga Trust and Kranti organization will work as a secretariat.
	<p>3. Organized POA Training with victims, witnesses and activists on 15-17 March, 2014</p> <p>Purpose of training: To understand the challenges and difficulties in accessing justice faced by activists, lawyers, victims and witnesses. Capacity building of victims, witness, and young leaders to</p>	<p>No. of Participant: 40 it's including Dalit Human Rights Defenders, Victims & witnesses, Human Rights Lawyers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information & understanding of Role and challenges before institutional mechanism in responding to caste atrocities.

	<p>address caste based discriminations effectively and to understand law and institutional mechanism</p> <p>In the training discussion held on role and challenges before institutional mechanism in responding to caste atrocities. New amendments in POA act & changing scenario of atrocities happening in Maharashtra state.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing of 8 major cases including Sonai case & Chandrakant gaikwad case & deep understanding of challenges & difficulties in trial of atrocities cases. • Honorable Judge Dr. Y.S. Chawre agreed to provide reporting format at various stages.
	<p>4. Conducted workshop on voice and accountability on 29th to 30th November</p> <p>The purpose of the workshop was to train individuals & organizations' about the concept and techniques to raise marginalized communities voice and making society and government accountable. In the workshop discussion held on basic concepts behind Voice and Accountability, the measures affecting on voice. Focus of training was centered on how different strategies can be apply for creating mass opinion while working in NGO's frame work to make society and government accountable</p>	<p><u>Number of Participants: 30</u></p> <p>Participants felt empowered in terms of accessing technical knowledge about Voice and Accountability. Dissemination of the technical information on Voice and Accountability concept on large base is a felt requirement for NGO's who work for the marginalized community rights.</p>
	<p>5. Human Rights Based approach to Development</p> <p>Organized workshop on 31st March 2014. The purpose of the training was to get acquainted with the concept of Human rights based approach to participant organizations and making them capable to suit their organizations and individual work accordingly. Had discussion on concept, methods of human rights and taking overview how they are related to development of Dalit and tribal, role of Government & society in connection with Development of Dalit and Tribal and organization criteria for HRA Based approach</p>	<p><u>Number of Participants: 27</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants expressed the need of inclusion of fundamentals of Right based approach while making new projects. <p>It has come out that majority of organizations are not aware about how United nations and human rights mechanisms work and expressed the need of more information and training in this field.</p>

	<p>6. Participated in 2 fund raising trainings held in Pune on 16th-17th January and Nagpur on 28th Feb – 1st March</p> <p>Participated in the training organized by Guide Star with association of AFARM and Karuna Trust. In this training received information on stages of fund raising, importance of communication in donation and types and methods of fund raising.</p>	<p>The training is very helpful in not only raising the funding for organization but also it improved technical capacity of Manuski's internal staff. In the coming year this tool will be used as developmental tool for the growth of network organizations.</p>
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CHANGES TO PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- **Strategic Consultation on ‘Exploring social media for awareness of Dalit/Adivasis issues on economic development’:**

Due to Lok Sabha election period the participants with whom the seminar of budget was designed found difficult to organize. Therefore Manuski conducted strategic consultation for exploring social media for awareness of Dalit and adivasi's issues on economic development.

CHALLENGES – CONTEXTUAL, PROJECT SPECIFIC AND/OR ORGANISATIONAL, LESSONS LEARNED

- Considering the meetings with Manuski staff and stakeholders some of the propositions emerged for trainings on Budget and Prevention of Atrocities Act. There is a need to do changes in the plan with respect to budget and PoA Advocacy due to risk involved for the organization as the issues are political in nature and in house capacity of organization in responding to situation is limited.
- As an organization we built a network with Dalit Human Rights Defenders, Victims & witnesses, Representatives/ Officials from National/ State Commission for Scheduled Castes & judicial authorities & it would be very helpful for organization to spread their work into area of prevention of atrocity.
- Need to build strong coalition for working on Dalit/Adivasis Social, Political, Legal, Economical rights & need to develop new leadership in youths for working on these issues. Also need to build capacity of people through trainings/ meetings/sharing information on their rights. And with the help of coalition we need to emphasis on legislation of POA amendment ordinance 2014 & SCSP.

CASE STUDIES

Dalit girl beaten, mom stripped by mob (Caste, Hindu) in Public

Deulgeon Siddhi is one of the villages in the district of Ahmadnagar. In the village the Maratha caste is dominated community and the Chambhar caste (Scheduled caste) has very few homes there compare to Maratha & other communities. Sujata, is a 26 years old Dalit girl, staying with her family and graduated in science and social work and currently working as project co-coordinator in Shrigonda Panchayat Samiti.

When she was living with her parents, the main accused Sudhakar Ingale has come into her life and they had love relation for very long time. He is from Maratha community and victim is coming from schedule caste, though they were aware about differences between the communities still accused promised to victim

about marriage and kept physical relations with her. After some days he cheated on victim and married to another woman who is from his community.

Sudhakar Ingale who belongs to a landlord's family; the Ingale family is politically well connected and Sudhakar's Aunt Shobha Ingale is a NCP leader and is also Sarpanch of the village. Ingale family is socially and politically very powerful and coz of these advantages he cheated victim and did sexual exploitation of her. Sujata lodge the complaint with Kotwali police station of Ahmednagar on November 27, 2013 accusing Sudhakar of raping her. After victim's complaint police arrested Sudhakar Ingale after 8 days of incidence, dated on December 4, 2013 but within 15 days he got bail & he came back to village.

After coming to village Sudhakar & his family member's threatened Sujata to withdraw a rape case & other cases against him. But Sujata remained unfazed with the intimidation and refused to oblige. But this matter came into boil on January 20, 2014 when Sujata & her mother Nanda came to village bus stand in the morning around 8.30 to catch bus for Ahmednagar that moment main accused Sudhakar Ingale & his family member's nearly 26 people came to near victims & started threatening them to withdraw a case against Sudhakar Ingale & on refusing to do so they started beating Sujata & her mother. Within a minute the number of people became bigger it has gone nearly 100, they started beating ruthlessly to two Dalit women. They started snatching victim's hair & cloths concurrently some of the people in the mob stripped the elderly woman & touched her inappropriately which is very humiliating for any woman, further accused have started abusing victims by using foul words on caste, using abusive languages & again beat them up brutally with iron rod! Also in between victim have lost her gold ornaments which will cost nearly Rs. 50000. This incidence took place in public vies at bus stand for 15-20 minutes. Few police constables have reached to the spot but they could not do anything to save two Dalit women. However support were called & they have taken to the police station & Sujata filed case of molestation, assault, damage of property & atrocity was registered against 16 members of the Ingale family.

On the other hand to counter the victims, Ingale Family lodged a wrong complaint against Sujata & her family stating that Sujata & her family forcefully came to their medical shop & taken away Rs 26000 & did damage to their shop.

In Sujata's case all the 16 people were arrested & sent police custody for one day only & have released on bail.

Recommendations

Being in a position to dominate the will of a woman belonging to a SC/ST with intent to dishonor or outrage her modesty [sec.3 (1)(xi) SC/ST (PoA) Act]. We demand immediate relief for the victim:

1. Whoever, being a public servant but not being a member of a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe, willful neglects his/her duties required to be performed by him/her under the Act, is guilty of an offence [sec. 4 SC/ST (PoA) Act]. Request you give directions to concern officer to squash FIR alleging victims of dacoity and false cases.
2. The victims and her family should be extend police protection, as the threat prevails and she is been threatened to withdraw the complaint.
3. The investigation should be completed within 60 days and speedy trial should be initiated as soon as possible
4. Special Public Prosecutor should be appointed for the trial.
5. The victim should be compensated.