

Hyderabad slum dwellers form city level federation

Hyderabad: In a meeting conducted by HRN (Housing Rights Network) department of MSI (Montfort Social Institute) on 16th November, 2014 basti/slum leaders constituted a city level federation consisting of members representing slum dwellers of 40 bastis in the city. 150 slum dwellers were present in the meeting presided over by Mrs. Anitha Ramchandran IAS-Director-MEPMA (Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas).

The federation represents the leaders of 40 bastis/slums in Hyderabad, holding various posts to fight together on a common platform for the housing rights of slum dwellers in the city. 4 members were selected from each basti/slum to contest for the membership of federation. The members were elected through voting by the floor. Ms. Saradha from dairy farm was elected as president along with Mr. B. Raju from Pilligudisilu as Vice President, Ms. Anuradha from Hamali Basti, Mr. B. Suresh from L.B Nagar, Kawadiguda and Mr. Kalyan from Lambadi Tanda received the posts of Secretary, Joint Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Mrs. Anitha Ramchandran while addressing the gathering informed about the possibility of RAY project being renamed as "Housing for All" in the near future after the name of Late. Sri Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel. She also told that the Slum Dwellers property Rights Act draft bill is in its last phase in the state cabinet for approval.

Bro. Varghese. Theckanath. s.g-Director MSI, Md. Ashfaq co-convenor CHATRI (Campaign for Housing and Tenurial Rights), Mr. Kaval Kumar GIS officer MEPMA, Dr. Narendra Reddy-Legal advisor MSI and Mr. M. Maria Soosai- Project Director MSI, Housing Rights Network spoke.