

Regulation of Dalit Parliamentarians Forum

The Regulation of the Dalit Parliamentarians/CA Members' Forum 2066/2010 (DPF) has been issued by the Dalit CA Members from different political parties in order to make the Common Program of the Forum effective and to ensure that its work is properly managed.

- 1. The Dalit Parliamentarians Forum (DPF) will be the common forum of Dalit CA Members representing different political parties who agree in the Common Program of this Forum.**
- 2. Any parliamentarian from any party who is committed to the Dalit liberation campaign and elimination of caste-based-discrimination & 'untouchability' can be a member of this forum by agreeing to the common program of the DPF. The goal will be to involve all Dalit parliamentarians.**
- 3. A Secretariat will be formed not exceeding one third of the Forum. It will manage and promote the Forum's activities on a regular basis.**
- 4. The chairmanship of the Forum's Secretariat and General Assembly will revolve between all the parties on a rotational basis. The responsibility for coordinating each meeting will be given to a specific parliamentarian.**
- 5. The Parliamentarians/CA Members will be free to express opinions of their own or their respective parties - except on topics related to the Common Minimum Program (CMP).**
- 6. All decisions by the DPF will be taken by consensus. The parliamentarians will be free to raise issues of disagreement.**
- 7. If any parliamentarian learns of an atrocity or atrocities against Dalits in any part of the country, he or she will inform the DPF Secretariat to raise this as an issue of concern.**
- 8. The Forum will have one Liaison Office. The operation and management of this office will be conducted by the Secretariat.**
- 9. The Forum will publish its documents as required.**
- 10. The Forum will coordinate with Dalit associations and organisations throughout the country.**
- 11. Apart from its members, this Forum can invite and conduct necessary consultations with other persons on relevant issues.**
- 12. The parliamentarians must try to collect financial assistance to conduct the work of the Forum.**