

## States mentioning caste at the UPR India review, 4 May 2017, IDSN summary

### 13 states mentioned caste and/ or Dalits, resulting in 13 targeted recommendations

#### **Germany**

Expressed its concerns about continued social hardship, especially by marginalised groups.

1. Implement human rights based holistic approach to ensure access to adequate housing as well as adequate water and sanitation, also for marginalised groups, including Dalits, scheduled castes, homeless, landless, scheduled tribes, religious and ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities and women.

#### **Guatemala**

2. We are concerned at reports of discrimination against members of scheduled castes and tribes, and so-called backward castes as well as women and various religious minorities. We urge that India adopts laws and policies to suppress all forms of de facto discrimination against groups or individuals.

#### **Holy See**

3. To prevent and pursue through appropriate judicial mean all violent acts against religious and tribal minorities, Dalits and other lower castes.
4. To continue ensure access to education for all, especially scheduled castes and tribes.

#### **Kyrgyzstan**

5. To take additional serious measures to advance activities aimed at eliminating discrimination against women that particularly affects women of lower castes.

#### **Mexico**

6. Increase investment in the universal compulsory and free education, given priority to measures to eradicate discrimination and exclusion which affects children with disability, girls, the group known as Dalits and other marginalised individuals.

#### **Pakistan**

7. Indian government should take visible policy and other measures to ensure freedom of religion and belief and address alarming trend of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance including mob violence committed, incited and advocated by right wing parties and affiliated extremist organisations against minorities, particularly Muslims, Christians, Sikhs and Dalits.

#### **Peru**

8. Continue to fight against discrimination, exclusion, dehumanisation, stigmatisation of and violence against the scheduled castes.

#### **Ireland**

9. Intensify efforts to guarantee equality and non-discrimination and align with its international obligations by developing public human rights awareness programmes and taking concrete steps to advance the rights of women and girls, members of religious minorities, LGBTI persons, combat caste and faith based discrimination, including to criminalise marital rape, decriminalise consensual

same sex relations, and establish appropriate policies and practices for registering, investigating and prosecuting violence against women, girls and members of religious minorities.

### **Sweden**

We wish India all success in promoting an inclusive society where everyone's rights are equally respected, regardless of caste, gender, sexual orientation, religion or belief.

### **USA**

Despite legal protections discriminations and societal violence based on gender religious affiliation, caste and tribe persist.

10. Ensure that laws are fully and consistently enforced to provide adequate protections for religious minorities, scheduled castes, tribes and other vulnerable populations.

### **Argentina**

We particularly focused on the section of the report on scheduled castes and tribes.

11. Take measures as a matter of urgency to repeal any provisions which discriminate against these castes and we also urge them to investigate those who are responsible for acts of discrimination and violence against those castes, particularly Dalits and punish them for what they have done.

### **Czech Republic**

12. Step up its efforts against caste-based violence, discrimination and prejudice, including by eradicating all forms of caste-based discrimination in the educational system.

### **France**

13. Ensure that the laws on scheduled tribes and castes are implemented fully.