

# **“The Status of Reservation in Education”**

## **“One Day Seminar on the Status of Reservation in Education”**

**22<sup>nd</sup> July 2010, 2:30pm, At the Delhi University Guest House, New Delhi**

**Speakers:** - K P Singh, Hansraj, Dr. Mukesh Manas, Paul Diwakar, Dr Dhani Ram,

Dr. H.C. Baudh, Prof. Sona Minz

The Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) (Amendment) Bill 2010 will be introduced in the coming session of Parliament. The Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act 2006 already provide for reservation of higher percentage than 15 percent of the seats for SCs or 7.5 percent of the seats for STs, owing to the composition of population served by it.

The seminar seeks to strengthen implementation of the constitutional reservation policy which has fallen short of implementing its provisions and resultantly, SCs/STs and OBCs have faced impediments in entering into Central Educational Institutions and universities. The seminar reviewed the existing evidence and experiences of the failure of reservations and finalised an agenda for advocacy. It also aimed at instituting such tools that would not just strengthen the existing reservation policy but also ensure inclusiveness in its execution at the universities level.

H.C. Baudh was the chair during the seminar. Major points that came up during the discussion were:-

- This one being the first seminar held on this subject. It'll be taken to Jamia Millia Islamia too.
- Paul Divakar insisted on the need to take out the caste from our minds.
- Hansraj gave extensive and startling statistics on implementation of different funds and schemes.
- Prof Sona Minz advised that this campaign should be taken to other universities as well.