

All India National Convention against SEZ,
land-grabbing, displacements

December 13, New Delhi

Friends,

An all India National Convention has been organised by All India coordination committee of anti-SEZ, anti-landgrabbing and anti-displacement movements at New Delhi on 13th December.

As you all aware that since the enactment of the anti-national & anti-constitutional SEZ Act, we all have been fighting against it. A need was felt for an all India coordination to fight against it. Justice P. B. Sawant (former judge of Supreme Court & Founder President of Lokshasan Andolan) had issued an appeal to unite all the genuine anti-SEZ, anti-land grabbing, anti-displacement movements in India. Accordingly, in response to this appeal, a series of state level conventions were organised in Maharashtra, Orissa, West Bengal etc., a working coordination was built up of the actual struggling committees excluding foreign funded NGOs. An All India coordination committee of anti-SEZ, anti land grabbing and anti displacement movements was formed with Justice P.B. Sawant as its convenor and Com. Vilas Sonawane (Mahamumbai Shetkari Sangharsh Samiti, Raigad, Maharashtra) as its Coordinator.

We have been consistently demanding to scrap SEZ Act and all the SEZs. To further our cause, the coordination committee has organised National Convention against SEZ, land grabbing and displacement on 13th December, 2009 at New Delhi.

National Convention against SEZ, land grabbing and displacement

Date- 13 December, 2009

Venue - Gadhwal Bhavan, Punchkuwa Road, New Delhi.

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I. Resolution and Decisions

After two days of intense discussions in Bhubaneshwar, the preparatory committee and the representatives of various anti-SEZ and anti-landgrab movements resolved the following:

To set up an all-India coordination committee of anti-SEZ and anti-landgrab movements, based on the following common minimum understanding:

1. Scrap the SEZ Act of 2005 and all related state SEZ acts.
2. Immediately stop all SEZ projects and return the acquired lands to the

farmers.

3. Stop the anti-people land-grabbing and plundering of natural resources.
4. Fight against globalization.
5. Withdraw all cases against activists of anti-SEZ movements.

The name of the committee was resolved to be:

All India Coordination of Movements Against SEZ, Land-grabbing and Displacement

The functioning of the committee would be based on the following policies:

1. A basic perspective towards the SEZ and land-grab policies as anti-people tools of exploitation.
2. Coordination of the various struggles against SEZs and land acquisition going on in various parts of the country.
3. Compensation/rehabilitation would not be accepted as an objective of anti-SEZ movements.
4. Non-participation of NGOs in the committee.
5. Participation of all organizations, movements and individuals engaged in anti-SEZ and anti-landgrab struggles based on the five points of common minimum understanding and the above policies for the functioning of the committee.

The following programme was decided about the immediate future:

1. An all-India convention to be held in Delhi on 13.12.09
2. State-level conventions (incorporating the solidarity programmed on the anti-POSCO struggle).
3. Preparation of a periodical information bulletin.
4. Declaration of a day or week as anti-SEZ day/week, in a statewise manner.

The composition of the preparatory committee was decided to be as follows:

1. Justice P.B. Sawant (Convenor) (Maharashtra)
2. Justice Kolsepatil (Maharashtra)
3. Vilas Sonawane (Coordinator) (Maharashtra)
4. Y. S. Rao (Andhra Pradesh)
5. Abhay Sahoo (Orissa)
6. Prashanta Paikray (Orissa)
7. Bhalchandra Sadangi (Orissa)
8. Sheomangal Siddhantkar (Delhi)
9. Chandrashekar (Karnataka)
10. Amitabha Bhattacharya (West Bengal)
11. Kushal Debnath (West Bengal)

12. Alik Chakrabarty (West Bengal)

13. Partho Sarothi Ray (West Bengal)