



National Conference
on
Prevention of Torture in India



25 June 2007, Conference Room No III, India International
Centre Annex, Max Muller Marg, New Delhi

Final Agenda

Opening Session

Chair: Suhas Chakma, Director, Asian Centre for Human Rights

- 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.: Registration of the participants
- 10.00 a.m. to 10.10 a.m.: *Welcome and key note address on the rationale of the National Conference by Suhas Chakma*
- 10.10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.: (15 minutes for testimony, 20 minutes for each speaker)

Testimony by Ms Radharani Ari

Inaugural speech: NHRC's initiatives for prevention of torture by Mr P C Sharma, Honourable Member, National Human Rights Commission of India

European Initiatives for Prevention of Torture by Mr. Parimal Bardhan, Senior Adviser, Delegation of the European Commission to India

Torture in armed conflict situations, Mr Larry Maybee, Regional Legal Advisor, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

11.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.: Tea Break

Working Session I: Torture and Criminal Justice System

Chair: Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Director, School of Law, Indira Gandhi National Open University

11.45 a.m. to 13.30 p.m: (15-20 minutes for each speaker)

Testimony by Mr Dewan Kazi

Patterns and the use of torture in India - by Mr Henri Tipaghne, Peoples Watch TamilNadu

Medical ethics and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment by Dr Christopher Daniel, Medical Delegate, ICRC

Doctoring the post mortems -The practice in Eastern India by Mr Kirity Roy, MASUM (Confirmed)

Questions and answers

13.30 p.m. to 14.30 p.m: Lunch

Working session II: Torture and conflict situations

Chair: Professor Sukendu Debbarma, Tripura University

14.30 p.m. to 16.15 pm:(15-20 minutes for each speaker)

Testimony by Mr K Lacha, a relative of victims of torture by the Maoists

Torture and the National Security Laws - Presentation by Babloo Loitongbam, Human Rights Alert, Manipur

Torture and the armed opposition groups - Presentation by Subhas Mahapatra, Director, Forum for Fact Finding and Documentation

Institutionalization of torture and post conflict situations: The experience of Punjab by Dr. Vitull K.Gupta, MD, Punjab Human Rights Committee

Judicial Inquiries: The experience of Kerala with Justice Rajendra Babu Commission of Inquiry (2006) by George Pulikuthiyil, Director, Jananeethi

16.15 p.m. to 16.30 p.m: Tea Break

Working session III: Strategies of Prevention of Torture

Chair: Suhas Chakma

16.30 p.m. to 17.30 p.m:

General discussion and adoption of the Statement/Declaration of the Conference