



National Movement for Protection of Reservation

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Press Release

National Movement for Protection of Reservation has demonstrated against the bill i.e. THE SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES (RESERVATION IN POSTS AND SERVICES) BILL, 2008 on Feb 4, 2009 at Jantar Mantar, hundreds of people from different Universities & social organizations were participated in the demonstration and condemned the Govt. unconstitutional move. Given a memorandum to the President Shrimati Paratibha Patil seeking intervention to prevent in its present form the government from enacting the Bill.

Further decided to have a national level demonstration in different parts of the country from Feb10, 2009 onwards. Also we have sent an appeal to all MPs & soon will have a meeting with all Members of Parliament regarding the issue to make pressure on UPA Govt. If the Bill goes ahead in the Loksabha, then we will have a relay hunger strike before the Parliament. This demonstration is supported at mass level because the language used in the bill section 4(I) iii& iv is demotivates the spirit of Dalits and oppressed classes.

National Movement for Protection of Reservation is a banner of all the teachers, scholars, students of various central universities, state universities, Dalit and human and women's rights activists and organizations who are in against of the present Bill which prevents SC/STs reservation in 47 top institutions in the country including IITs, IIMs and Central universities.

The manner in which the bill is introduced and passed by the Rajya Sabha without any debate is inconsistent with the democratic ethos. '**Reservation**' in our country has been a policy being implemented however effectively by an executive order and for the last 62 years since Independence does not have an act as legislation. We have waited for many years and we do not need to rush in this manner without proper debate based on established principles by our Parliament.

We appeal to all media houses, democratic organizations, society groups, progressive intelligentsia, politicians, bureaucrats and other conscious individuals who believe in facilitating reservation to Dalits in education & academic services to put pressure on UPA Govt. to take back its instance bill which is undemocratic, unconstitutional, unparliamentarily and inhuman.

Yours sincerely

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