

Dalit People's Declaration

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1 - Land Right

- Give priority to the Dalit people on Dry land development programme.
- Allot five acres of Agricultural land to each Dalit family.
- The inputs required for cultivation like agricultural tools need to be given to Dalits on subsidy under the special component scheme.

2 - DC Land

- The D.C. lands used by the Dalits were taken away by the land encroachers. Such encroached land need to be redeemed and reallocated to the Dalits.

3 - Settlements

- Distribution of 5 cents patta land for house construction.
- Based on the Number of members in the Dalit family, construct the houses, value to Rs.1.50 lakh for each house.
- The Dalit families involved in salt yard give the proportionate agreement.

4 - Women Rights

- Ensure 33% for women in employment panchayat administration to parliamentary election; with in this allot 50% to Dalit women on priority basis.
- Give land ownership and housing patta on the Dalit women's name.

5 - Reservation

Education:

- Strictly implement the Dalit reservation policy in Government, self-financing private educational institution and colleges.
- Include the syllabus in the educational institutions, schools and colleges on Dalit culture, History and Dalit leaders.

Employment opportunities:

- Prepare a white paper and publish it with the details of vacant positions in Government departments.
- Based on the reservation policy, fill all the vacant position.
- Do not privatize the public limited companies.
- Pass legislation to implement the reservation policy in private sector.
- Salt Forms: The Dalit families involved in salt yard give the proportionate agreement.

6 - Dual voting

- Implement reserved constituency with dual voting system.
- Integrate small Dalit villages and establish separate Dalit panchayates.

7 - Budget

- Under state and central budget from village panchayat to state administration, allot 20% budget under special component programmes (SCP).
- Establish a National Dalit planning commission for the development of Dalits.

8 - Common property resources

Prepare a white paper and publish it with the details of common property resources of temples, mutt etc.

Equal shares in the common property resources ensure of villages and town.

9 - Water resources

- Do not convert water into commercial commodity.
- Do not give the legal right over the underground water resource to multi-national companies.
- Stop all the encroachment of ground water exploitation.

10 - Dr. Ambedkar Bank

The formalities related to TAHDCO and Bank surety made the dalits not used the benefits. These schemes are mere eyewash. Therefore to promote the social, economic and educational advancement, there is a need to develop "Dr. Ambedkar Bank" as a separate bank, exclusively for Dalits.