

Saxena, Mander in NAC

Dr. N. C. Saxena and Shri. Harsh Mander, installed Commissioners of the Supreme Court on the “Right to Food Case”, are named among other twelve (12) members of the revived National Advisory Council (NAC).

NAC is reconstituted on 29 March 2010 with Ms. Sonia Gandhi identified as Chairperson. The body will serve an advisory body to the Government on policy measures addressing diverse plights of various social sectors in society.

Saxena and Mander are chosen on the merit of their achievements corollary to the thrust of the Council.

Saxena is a former Planning Commission Secretary and currently a United Nations Fund for Children (UNICEF) adviser on its programmes in India. With his expertise on diverse facets of development work, he could make an impact to government measures effecting and overseeing food-related programmes implementation.

While, Mander, is a recognized social activist and writer. He is ardent on advocating the rights of the poor, the vulnerable, the marginalized, and the disadvantaged. His broad understanding of the causes of tribes, dalits, persons with disability, and women, in particular, could bear enormous weight to government efforts towards translating their plights into rights.

The Council first convened on 10 June 2010. Outlined in this meeting is a range of priority measures which, include identifying policies focus on advancing social rights and specifying mechanisms to hasten the implementation of government’s flagship programmes, will be recommended to the Government for adoption.