

FIAN U.P. delegation met with President of State Women Commission of Uttar Pradesh and handed over the Demand letter regarding the problem of 'Chikan kari' workers'

07 March 2013, on the eve of **International Women's Day**, FIAN Uttar Pradesh delegates led by Anil Kumar with Raghvendra, Vindhya, Shweta, and Mahrunnisa met to the president of State Women Commission, **Mrs. Zarina urf Fatima Usmani** with demands about the problems of women engaged in Chikan kari activities and gave a demand letter. During the meeting the problem of Chikan kari workers were discussed with the commissioner, Mr. Anil put how the chikan kari workers mainly women are deprived of their right to fair wage and forced to live a poor life. Raghvendra request to Ms. Usmani to participate in the program organized by AIM and FIAN in future, this will support us and give a better direction. We would like that It is well known that Lucknow is famous for its Chikan kari work along with being the capital of Uttar-Pradesh. Built here, Chikan kari has a special significance. Approximately 2.5 lakh (.25 million) people in Lucknow are engaged in the Chikan kari work in these mostly women and girls are involved. Being low wages, their condition is deplorable. After working on whole day laborer is able to get just Rs 50, while the minimum wage set by the government of Uttar Pradesh is Rs 125. Women engaged in this work are not getting fair wage. They are not getting piece rate as or Bidi workers are getting. These workers' working hours are not fixed; therefore, they have to work many hours. In these circumstances, FIAN UP placed demands in interest of Chikan workers on the occasion of International Women's Day:

The demands are,

- The minimum wage of Chikan kari workers should be fixed..
- Piece rate for Chikan kari work should be fixed like Bidi workers.
- Appointment of Lady Inspector for regular inspection of the workplace of women Chikan workers.

After the meeting with Ms. Usmani all Delegates went to **State Human Right Commission of U.P.** to give demand letter to Chairperson **Justice H. K. Sema** for needful action in the recruitment process of visually challenged people in various departments, demand letter was hand over. Attention was accompanied that the procedure is very dull of employment vacancies in various departments for visually challenge people. So these people delayed in getting job, and their livelihood is suffering due to this.