

Recommendations on the Information Sharing Sessions among the Journalists & Reporters On the Lives & the unresolved Social Issues of the Plantation People In Sri Lanka

• **Development in the Field of Education**

- ✓ Preschools or Child Development Centers run (Managed by Plantation Human Development Trust)– PHDT a private owned institution through estate management to be admitted for freelance management with government guidelines
- ✓ Provision of science laboratories and information technology centers (IIT) in Tamil Language.
- ✓ Establishing a Campus affiliated to one of the national universities in focus of the Plantation community
- ✓ Provision of Sri Pada College of Education (Patana) and Teacher’s Training College (Kotagala) should accommodate the majority allocated only for the plantation community as an affirmative action to produce qualified Teachers to meet the scarcity of teachers.
- ✓ Establishing a Research Institution with team of academics and professionals to conduct focused researches on community issues and finding recommendations.
- ✓ An Affirmative action to improve the school education of the plantation community which is deprived from free education for four decades from 1943 to 1983. The Plantation Schools Unit (PSU) presently existing in the Ministry of Education to be upgraded as an affirmative Action unit.

• **Development in the Field of Health & Sanitation**

- ✓ Acquiring all the Estate Medical Centers to National Health Stream under Provincial Department of Health
- ✓ Creating a data base with the Estate Community Health, Nutrition & sanitation and make linkages with the National Health data base.
- ✓ Improve infrastructures in the estate sector such access roads to Medical Centers
- ✓ Introducing Ambulance Services to every estates or cluster model for neighboring estates
- ✓ Highlighting the Estate sector health issues through mass and social media.

• **Development in the Field of Livelihood**

- ✓ Make the community as a Small Holder of the tea, rubber and other crops not to keep them as estate workers.
- ✓ Provision of Land for the agricultural and farming activities with proper documents with evidence
- ✓ Improving ‘Community Tourism’ in Estate sector
- ✓ Awareness and career guidance programs for school leavers
- ✓ Opening of Vocational Training Centers in Tamil Stream

• **Development in the Field of Housing & Land Rights**

- ✓ The dwellings given to the plantation community is not suitable for decent living standards and there is no privacy at all. Hence it should be ensured that 20 perch of land is provided for individual housing purposes.

- ✓ During the retirement period of the workers, the Estate Management removes them from their dwellings. Hence a freelance village setup is created without the interference of the estate management with their day-to-day life.
- ✓ There is no private address for the community to receive their letters and documents to their residents. Letters comes through the estate management. Hence, State Postal Services should also be provided to this Community.
- ✓ Legitimate documents for their housing lands instead of documents presently given for existing individual houses. There should be clear title document to ensure their land rights.
- ✓ Ensuring the title deeds to obtain the NBRO (National Building Research Organization) clearance for the construction of the houses.
- ✓ Implement the New Villages Development Authority (NEVIDA) Act (32 of 2018) for the betterment of the Community.
- ✓ There is no proper relief and rehabilitation programs during the time of disaster such as landslides and fire gutting. Hence there should be a clear mitigation plan with the rehabilitation mechanism by the government.