



Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative

National Workshop: A Peoples' Campaign for Better Policing

27th and 28th April 2007

Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR)
JNU Institutional Area, Aruna Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi

Agenda

Friday 27th April

12noon Registration

12.30 - 1.30 Lunch

1.30 Opening Address
Justice Ruma Pal (Retd), CHRI
Executive Committee

1.45 *Diagnosing policing ills*
Interactive Group Exercise on causes
and complaints

2.20 *What's the prescription?*
How the Supreme Court and the Police
Act Drafting Committee address
problems in policing
Maja Daruwala, Director, CHRI

2.40 *Does Anyone Want A Cure?*
Central and state government responses
to the Supreme Court directives
Prakash Singh, IPS (Retd)

3.05 - 4.10 Question Time

4.10 *The Police Act Drafting Committee
(PADC)*
Dr Soli Sorabjee (Chairperson, PADC)

4.25 - 4.45 Questions and Discussion

Saturday 28th April

9.15 – 9.30 Recap

9.30 – 9.40 *Perils of swift police legislation*
Devika Prasad, CHRI

9.40 – 12.40 *Panel presentation
Good Medicine, Bad Medicine?*
Interactive presentations and discussion on
a comparative analysis of the Model Police
Act, 2006, Bihar Police Act, 2007, the
Kerala Police (Amendment) Ordinance
2007 and the Haryana Police Ordinance,
2006 and how they address:

- Policing the police: internal
disciplinary mechanisms;
- Listening to complaints against
police by the public
- Keeping politics out of policing
- Bettering everyday policing

12.40 – 1.40 Lunch

1.40 *Making it a peoples' process*
Moderator assigns breakout groups and
focus questions.

1.50 – 3.00 *Small group discussion*
Breakout groups discuss strategies for
initiating and sustaining a peoples'
campaign for better police.

3.00 – 3.15 Afternoon Tea

3.15 - 4.00 *Breakout groups report back*

4.00 – 5.00 *Collective Action*

5.00 *Evaluation and Conclusion*