

Fedcot, Chennai

At the National workshop held in December 1999, one of the follow up activities contemplated was to do follow up state level workshops with grassroots activists in order to take the issue down to the masses. A one day workshop was therefore held alongwith FEDCOT, Tamil Nadu, on 30th of January,2000, at Chennai. Consumer activists from several districts and several lawyers and other NGOs attended this workshop and discussed the Tamil Nadu Right to Information Act as well as the central draft Bill on Right to Information. They were generally of the view that there is no point in having a weak legislation. The follow up activities were planned to put pressure on government to improve the TN law, as well as to meet MPs and apprise them of the shortcomings of the central draft. FEDCOT, along with other organisations has been doing a series of activities such as dharnas and demonstrations to bring attention to their demands.