



# यूनियन कार्बाइड ज़हर पीड़ित इलाज अधिकार मोर्चा



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To,  
The Home Minister,  
Room No. 104,  
North Block,  
New Delhi 110 001

December 16, 2024

**Subject: Urgent matter of re-registration under FCRA of Sambhavna Trust (File No. 8300082023) providing free medical care to people poisoned by US corporations, Union Carbide and Dow Chemical in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.**

Dear Home Minister, Sir,

We, the beneficiaries and employees of Sambhavna Trust, which has been providing free medical care to people poisoned by US corporations, Union Carbide and Dow Chemical in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh for the last 28 years, would like to draw your attention to an urgent matter for its early resolution.

The urgent matter is that of re-registration under FCRA of Sambhavna Trust, the application (File No. 8300082023) for which is pending with the Foreigners Division of the FCRA wing of the Ministry of Home Affairs since February 02, 2023.

We believe that the original registration of Sambhavna Trust under FCRA, dated May 02, 2001, was wrongfully cancelled in October 2019 and repeated requests for reconsideration were also improperly ignored. Based on the available information of all the NGOs who had applied for FCRA registration in 2023 (Annexure - 1), we argue that there is unnecessary delay in deciding the application of Sambhavna Trust for re-registration under FCRA.

The Sambhavna Trust Clinic run by the Sambhavna Trust employs 51 staff and on an average 80 to 100 patients currently visit the Clinic daily. In the years before our FCRA registration was cancelled, 180 - 200 individuals used to come daily for treatment. But due to shortage of funds due to cancellation of our FCRA registration, we have had to cut down the number of staff including that of doctors, and currently it is no longer possible to provide treatment to so many patients.

We would like you to know that our clinic provides free medical care through an integrated approach by combining modern medicine with Ayurveda, Panchkarma and Yoga systems of healing. We have monitored the impact of our medical interventions through the use of computerized Medical Information System over the past 28 years and have found that an integrated approach is particularly useful for patients with multi-systemic injuries and a complex of complaints caused by chemical poisoning. Through the successful specialized care of over 37 thousand registered patients, we have demonstrated that it is possible to provide safe, simple, affordable and most of all, effective care to the victims of Union Carbide and Dow Chemical in Bhopal.

The work of Sambhavna Trust has received praise from international experts and we have received international and national awards, including one from Bhai Mahavir, former Governor of Madhya Pradesh. The Supreme Court-appointed Monitoring Committee for Medical Rehabilitation of Bhopal Gas Victims has appreciated our efforts in its report.

Based on our most recent assessment of our financial situation, we do not have funds to run the clinic beyond December 31, 2024. Under these circumstances, and with little prospect of funds coming from other sources, it is inevitable that the Clinic run by the Sambhavna Trust will have to be closed by end December 2024. This will have a serious impact on the health condition of the 37190 patients registered in the clinic as well as the more than 130,000 beneficiaries of our community health work and community health surveys. It will also impact the 51 employees working in the Clinic and their dependent family members.

When the registration of Sambhavna Trust under FCRA was wrongly cancelled, the Trust had 30 thousand donors from 45 countries. Many of them still want to send donations to Sambhavna Trust. We find it morally reprehensible that a large number of survivors in Bhopal, who have suffered for a very long time, are being denied medical care and other facilities while there are donors who want to help Sambhavna Trust provide much-needed specialized care.


Sambhavna Trust's work to help improve the health and healthcare of the people of Bhopal who have been poisoned by US corporations has already been severely affected due to the cancellation of its FCRA registration. The Trust has so far weathered the unprecedented financial crisis through domestic donations, crowd funding and finally a grant from Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI). However, recently APPI has rejected the Trust's grant application and the Trust does not have access to any alternate source for funds.

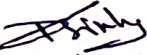
As beneficiaries and employees of Sambhavna Trust Clinic, we request you to ensure that a decision on Sambhavna Trust's FCRA re-registration is taken at the earliest.

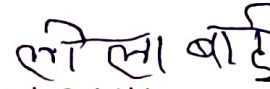
We thank you for your time and eagerly await your reply.

Yours sincerely,


For Union Carbide Poison Victims Healthcare Rights Front

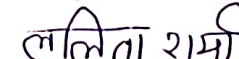
  
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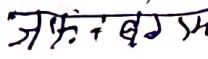
  
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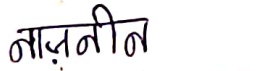
  
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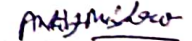
  
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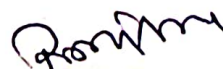
  
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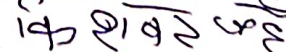
  
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## FCRA Registration Status of NGOs that Applied in 2023 as on December 16, 2024

S No.	Name of Organization	Status December 2024
1.	Odiya Samaj	Granted
2.	Shanti Niketan Social Welfare Society	Under process
3.	Anand Ji Foundation	Granted
4.	Gomber Educational Foundation	Denied
5.	Major Soni Mission Bajwara Trust	Clarification Awaited
6.	Swachh and Health Vikas Samiti	Granted
7.	Akhil Bhartiya Bhargava Sabha	Granted
8.	Sambhavna Trust	Under process
9.	Foundation for Improving the Quality of Life	Granted
10.	Centre for Equity and Inclusion	Under process
11.	Sindhi Educational Society	Denied
12.	Keystone Human Services India Association	Granted
13.	Shri Shirdi Sai Foundation	Granted
14.	Anu Aggarwal Foundation	Granted
15.	Pragya Education & Environment Trust	Granted
16.	Indian Institute of Public Administration	Denied
17.	Harish Chander Nanda Educational & Charitable Society	Granted
18.	Swataleem Foundation	Granted
19.	Children in India	Granted

20.	AAS Foundation	Granted
21.	Salutary India Centre for Education & Social Development	Under process
22.	Protsahan India Foundation	Granted
23.	Udaan FSMHP	Under process
24.	WHEELS Charitable Foundation	Granted
25.	Dayanand Anglo Vedic College Trust & Management Society	Granted
26.	Aastha Nishtha Foundation	Granted
27.	BIGNNING	Granted
28.	ORKIDS Foundation	Granted
29.	Social & Cultural Welfare Aradhana Kala Manch Ek Ummeed	Denied
30.	Hope Givers Charitable Trust	Granted
31.	SeekhoSikha Foundation	Under process
32.	Muktabodha Indological Research Institute Foundation Special	Granted
33.	Sambhav Foundation	Granted
34.	Darbar E Ahl Sunnat	Denied
35.	EKHO Foundation	Granted
36.	Girl Rising India Foundation	Denied
37.	Riyazul-Uloom Educational Society	Granted
38.	Sea Regional Coordination Mechanism Forum	Under process
39.	Dr M Chandrasekhar International Foundation	Denied
40.	Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Teerth Kshetra Special	Granted
41.	Foundation for Arts for Social Change in India	Under process

42.	Upword Foundation	Under process
43.	FXB India Suraksha	Denied
44.	ARISE	Under process
45.	Vyomini Social Foundation	Under process
46.	NA*	
47.	Association for Pain Awareness Research & Treatment	Denied
48.	National Council of OISCA and ALAR in India	Under process
49.	Parwarish Cares Foundation	Under process
50.	Indian National Science Academy	Under process
51.	NA*	
52.	GuraDitta Mal Hukam Devi Charitable Trust	Clarification Awaited
53.	Future Point	Under process

\* NGO has not paid required fees.

Description	Nos.	In (%)
1. No. of NGOs who have applied for Registration under FCRA after Sambhavna Trust.	43	-
2. No. of NGOs who have applied after Sambhavna Trust and have had a decision taken on their application.	28	65%
3. No. of NGOs who have applied after Sambhavna Trust and have been granted FCRA Registration.	21	49%