



India - BJP: formalize the informal by issuing identity cards

The Bharatiya Janata Party, India's winning political party in the 2014 elections, promises to improve the lot of people working in the informal sector in a legal way. It plans to issuing identity cards to the unorganized sector labourers. This would greatly benefit the majority of working women throughout the country, if the program would be carried out. Moreover BJP wants to provide good quality health and education services, as well as skill up gradation through training. The Indian informal sector is estimated to employ two thirds of the work force outside agriculture.

As the winning party, BJP wants to make women financially and politically empowered. Yet it does not mention plans on child care or day care facilities. Similarly, there is nothing on the gender pay gap, which is quite high.

The manifesto has no provision on maternity leave and no plans to improve it.

India has no state financed child care/day care system in place.

The BJP has not discussed the issue of harassment in its manifesto.

Manifesto comparison online

WageIndicator Foundation started the manifesto comparison program as part of the Labour Rights for Women Project. Five interconnected issues of employment, labour rights, women development, youth and education of winning political parties are rated. These tools are available on the country websites.

<http://www.paycheck.in/main/labour-law-india/elections-2014-labour-and-women-rights>

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