

Progressive Legislation by the UPA Government

Empowering the Citizen

| Laws | Benefit group |
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| <p>National Rural Employment Guarantee Act A right to work for all rural households in the country for 100 days of guaranteed employment; the first such programme in the world.</p> | <p><u>All rural households</u> willing to do unskilled manual work. 3.59 crore people employed at present of which 49% are women, 30% SCs and 24% STs in 2008-09</p> |
| <p>Right to Information Act Provides a right to every citizen to make government accountable.</p> | <p><u>All citizens</u> now empowered to claim the right to information on actions by government</p> |
| <p>Unorganised Workers Social Security Act Provides a range of social security benefits through schemes formulated under the Act.</p> | <p><u>36 crore people</u> working in the unorganized sector eligible for benefits under the Act</p> |
| <p>Central Education Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act Ensures reservation to students of Other Backward Classes in educational institutions.</p> | <p><u>Eligible Students belonging to Other Backward Classes</u></p> |
| <p>Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act Provides rights on land to Scheduled Tribes and Other Forest Dwellers on land in their possession</p> | <p><u>All Scheduled Tribes in historical occupation of land prior to 2005</u> <u>Other Traditional Forest Dwellers</u> whose historical possession of land is prior to 2005 by three generations (75 years)</p> |
| <p>Gram Nyayalaya Act To provide speedy and justice through mobile local courts</p> | <p><u>All people in rural areas</u></p> |

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| <p>Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act The Act gives more effective protection to women who are victims of violence occurring within the family and provides them a civil remedy to deal with such violence</p> | <p><u>All women</u></p> |
| <p>Bill on Amendment in Land Acquisition Act and Bill for Rehabilitation and Resettlement These Bills stand introduced in Parliament to provide adequate compensation and protection to people whose lands are acquired by government and also restrict the scope of such acquisition for public purpose.</p> | <p><u>All owners of land</u></p> |
| <p>Bill on Right to Education A Bill making it the duty of State to provide elementary education of quality. Introduced in Parliament.</p> | <p>Benefit to <u>all children between 6 and 14 years of age</u></p> |
| <p>Reservation for Women in Lok Sabha and State Legislatures Introduced in Parliament. Provides for 30% reservation to women in Lok Sabha and State Legislatures.</p> | <p><u>All women</u></p> |
| <p>The Communal Violence, (Prevention, Control, and Rehabilitation of Victims) Bill, 2005 Introduced in Parliament. The Bill seeks to prevent and control communal violence, protect witnesses, ensure expeditious case disposal and provide relief, rehabilitation and compensation to victims of communal violence.</p> | <p><u>People affected by incidents of communal violence</u></p> |