



RIGHT
TO EDUCATION
PAKISTAN



DEMAND FOR FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION BY OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN



After the introduction of Article 25 A in the 18 constitutional amendment on April 19, 2010, education is a fundamental right and the responsibility of providing free and compulsory education to all children from 5-16 years lies primarily with the state.

Article 25 A states:

“The state shall provide free and compulsory education to all children of the age of five to sixteen years in such a manner as may be determined by law”

This long awaited article provides hope for all those deprived of access to educational opportunities, due to poverty, gender, ethnic and religious discrimination, or geographic immobility. As a first step, in June 2012, the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2011 has been passed by the Senate of Pakistan for Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). While this is indeed a positive initiative, more efforts are required to expedite the process so that it can also be passed by the National Assembly, then signed by president and finally can come into implementation phase. At the same time, there is a need to review and analyse the Act for practical implementation through public debate and all the provinces need to follow this precedence.

After the successful completion of One Million Signature Campaign Phase I, where one million signatures (90% children of 5-18 years) have been collected from March 6 to July 10, 2012 and presented to all major Political Party representatives across Pakistan, we now embark on the Phase II of this campaign to collect ONE MILLION SIGNATURES FROM OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN! (5-16 years)

For the implementation of Article 25 A, we demand that education is acknowledged as the HIGHEST PRIORITY and the state/provincial/federal governments, parliamentarians and political parties take the following steps on urgent basis:

- Analyze Legislation for Right to Education passed by the Senate for the Federal Capital Islamabad and draft legislations for all provinces on urgent basis which shall positively address norms of access, quality and equity;
- Affirm that the legislation defines roles, responsibilities and the implementation process explicitly;
- Ensure that the drafting of the law undergoes a transparent process of province and nationwide debate and consultation;
- Allocate at least 4% of the GDP for education provision across Pakistan;
- Devise mechanisms for effective and timely utilization of resources allocated for education;
- Inclusion of Right to Education for Quality learning outcomes in the manifesto of all political parties.



For more in information:

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Access to free and compulsory quality education is a
constitutional right of every child aged 5-16
WE DEMAND IT NOW
for every Girl and Boy across Pakistan!!



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