

LET'S PRIORITISE HEALTH & EDUCATION #RIGHTSOVERPROFITS

At a time when 122 million people are out of jobs, private schools and hospitals have continued to exploit and overcharge. Having strong public health and education systems along with mechanisms to regulate private providers is key to support India's recovery from the pandemic.

Now is the time to put #RightsOverProfits!

THE CAMPAIGN HAS THE FOLLOWING DEMANDS:

EDUCATION



Develop and enforce a comprehensive regulatory framework for private schools including fee regulation to prevent overcharging, exploitation and exclusion of children.

26 states already have regulatory legislations for private schools. In addition to this, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) and 13 state governments have issued additional notifications to regulate fees during the COVID-19 lockdown. To strengthen mechanisms to regulate private schools, a comprehensive national regulatory framework needs to be developed and implemented.



Stop the closure of government schools and review the cases of closure. We also need to reopen closed schools to ensure that the Right of Education (RTE) of children from marginalized and migrant communities is protected.

It is estimated that 1 crore girls could be out of school after the COVID-19 crisis. Meanwhile the government has closed over 150,000 schools permanently in the last three years alone and plans to close more in upcoming period. This will further increase the dropout rate. Stopping closure of the government schools is particularly important when 10 million migrants and their families are returning home.

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HEALTH



Adopt and implement Charter of Patients' Rights in all states and union territories to stop malpractices and exploitation of the patients.

The Charter of Patients' Rights by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) aims to ensure the protection and promotion of human rights of patients and citizens seeking healthcare across India. The MoHFW has urged all states and UTs to adopt the charter but no state or UT government has done it so far. Therefore, we require to demand the adoption of Charter of Patients' Rights.



Strengthen regulation of charges in health facilities under the Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act 2010 to prevent overpricing, out of pocket expenditure and exploitation of patients

7% of the Indian population is pushed below the poverty line every year due to out of pocket expenditure on health. We need to ask state and UT governments to adopt the Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act 2010 which requires recognized hospitals to adhere to the government notified cost for standard medical procedures. We also require to strengthen the enforcement of the CEA.

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