

# PROFILE OF PROJECT SWARAJYA

## Introduction of the organization-

Name: **PROJECT SWARAJYA**

Address:

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Legal Status:

### **Registered under:**

SR Act XXI of 1860  
No & Date-21332/136 of 2001-02 dated 4<sup>th</sup> Oct,  
2002 issued against the old Registration  
No19053/29 of 1988-99 dated 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 1989

### **FCR Act of 1976**

No & Date-104860076 (Vide Letter No.  
II/21022/70/87/90 -FCRA-III dated25 June 1991)

### **Income Tax Act 1961**

**12 A** registration No with Date  
Adm(IT)/12-A/89-90/15779  
Date-24 Aug 1993, and  
**80 G** No  
CIT/CTC/80G-42/Tech/2003-  
2004/1322, Date-25 July 2003

Establishment:

Established on 1<sup>st</sup> August of 1988

Name of the Bank: State Bank of India, Main Branch  
Collectorate, Cuttack-2, Orissa

Bank of Maharashtra, Meena Plaza  
Tinikonia Bagicha, Cuttack-2

### **Genesis of Organisation**

PROJECT SWARAJYA is a non-profit making, non-party, pluralistic and open-ended platform that underlines the need for debate, discussion and dialogue among the concerned key players to tackle the complex human rights issues that the society is confronted with. It came into existence in mid-1988 in the midst of a country-wide movement for making Right to Work a fundamental right in the Constitution of India. Besides this campaign it also then took up the particular demand of legislating and implementing Employment Guarantee Act for rural unskilled labour in Orissa along Maharashtra lines. Orissa being a predominantly rural-tribal society, the women in villages who among others have been marginalized due to one-sided development programmes needed most of all guarantee of job round the year by the State a thing which has been experimented since mid-70s in Maharashtra. Fortunately enough, after a lapse of a decade and half, the Common Minimum Programme of the present UPA Government at the Centre has given a definite assurance to legislate a National Employment Guarantee Act for the whole country. The Organisation has happily prepared itself to conduct a campaign of earlier type for ensuring the foolproof pro-people orientation to the promised legislation.

### **Vision:**

As the name Swarajya suggests, the Organisation like many other thinkers and reformers of the past and as well of the present, envisages the emergence of an equitable, harmonious and ethical society where each and every individual shall be able to live on the principle, 'From each according to his capacity, to each according to his need' in inter-dependence with the rest of the society.

### **Mission:**

To empower the women and other marginalized and weaker sections of the society such as Scheduled Castes, Scheduled tribes, Other Backward classes, minorities, disabled and destitutes for their effective participation in the making and implementation of policies and programmes with gender approach, meant for their sustainable development, and also to work simultaneously for strengthening of the existing platforms and institutions like PRIs and SHGs which directly concern their day-to-day life.

### **Area of operation:**

The Organisation deals with issues of national to local importance. However its activities are concentrated in the State of Orissa. And again its organizational infrastructure is mainly confined to such districts of State as Cuttack, Kendrapara, Jajpur and Jagatsinghpur.

### **An Overview of Activities undertaken by the Organisation**

- Running of two Drug-Deaddiction Centres in Cuttack and Kendrapada.
- Capacity-raising of rural poor Women Weavers in Raghunathpur Block.
- Weaving Training to Dalit Women under TRYSEM schemes in Raghunathpur Block.

- Fish Processing and Dry Fish making Training to Women of Fisherfolk families under TRYSEM scheme, in Kujanga Block
- Small Capital Support to Fisher Women for Skill Development at Kharinasi GP under Mahakalapada Block.
- Organising the Legal Literacy Camps for Poor and Dalit Women in different parts of the State.
- Providing Vocational Training to the Women of Scavenger Community in Cuttack City under Scavenger Liberation Programme.
- Rehabilitation of selected Street Children in Cuttack City
- Paddy-cum-Fish Integrated Farming in water-logged areas
- Installation of Fish Aggregating Devices
- Organisation of Eco-Clubs among the school students of Cuttack City
- Conservation and Protection of Endangered Species along the Orissa Coast like Horseshoe crabs and Olive ridley sea turtles
- Study and Awareness generation on Water Pollution of Taldanda Canal
- A PIL case in the High Court of Orissa against the water and air pollution by Paradeep Phosphate Limited, as a result of which the PPL was compelled to adopt pollution control measures.
- Another PIL case filed in the High Court of Orissa against the Air and Water Pollution by OSWAL Chemicals and Fertilisers Ltd. Paradip.
- Active participation in female human rights movement in Orissa.
- Running District Consumer Information Centre for Cuttack District.
- Campaign against trafficking of women and children in Orissa.
- Right to Information Campaign from 2001 onwards in Orissa State.
- Organising Debate around the Report of the 'The National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution- 2002'.
- Publishing a series of articles in regional language dailies on the 'Report of The National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution-2002'.
- Publication of 3 nos. of booklets containing analyses and reviews of the Report of the National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution-2002'.
- Organising a Symposium on Judicial Reforms Conducive for Common Citizen.
- Organising Seminars/Workshops on Electoral Reforms and Governance Reforms.
- Presentation of a Memorandum to P.C.Hota Committee on civil service reforms
- Organising a district level Consultation at Cuttack on the Draft Rules of FOI Act 2002 notified by GOI and Feedback of the opinions to the concerned Ministry
- Campaign for mobilizing the public opinion for formulating appropriate Rules of FOI Act 2002.

## **Management**

The Organisation is managed as per its Bye-Laws of 1989 (amended in 2001) under Society Registration Act 1860 by a General Body consisting of 11 Members and an Executive Committee of 5 Members, all of whom are not only educationally qualified, but also skilled and experienced in various ways. The President of the Organisation is a renowned Dalit leader and social reformer of the State and the Secretary, who is an experienced woman activist herself acts as its chief executive functionary and as such entrusted with supervision of day-to-day affairs of the Organisation. In the General Body as many as 8 are women members out of 11, and in the Executive Committee the women members are 3 out of five.

**Name of the office-bearers( Executive Committee) : Nos. 5 ( Female 3, Male-2 )**

1	Mr Mohan Jena	-	President
2	Ms Sophia Shaik	-	Vice President
3	Ms Dolli Dash	-	Secretary
4	Ms Sasmita Mohanty	-	Joint Secretary
5	Mr.Bikash Mohanty	-	Treasurer

**General Body Members:** Nos.11 ( Female-8 and Male-3)

**Name and Address of the Statutory Auditor:**

Mr Amaresh Jena, Chartered Accountant  
Link road, Badambadi, Cuttack-10

**Networking**

- \* Networked with 14 nos of nodal NGOs in all the 14 Blocks of Cuttack district
- \* The organization is a partner of DLCC ( Cuttack District Level Coordination Committee for NGOs
- \* Partner of Jagnyaseni (A network for anti-trafficking campaign in Orissa)
- \* Partner of NAWO ( National Alliance for Women)
- \* Partner of Narishakti ( A forum of women workers working in various NGOs)
- \* Partner of Ambedkar-Lohia Bichar Manch.

**MEMBERSHIP OF OFFICIAL COMMITTEES:**

- Member of Youth Advisory Committee of NYK for Cuttack district
- Member of the Complain committee on Sexual Harassment of Cuttack District Police
- Member of the Complain Committee on Sexual Harassment of Crime Branch of Cuttack District.
- Member of the Complain Committee on Sexual Harassment of BSNL, Office of (M) ETR.DGM, Bhubaneswar
- Member of Town Level Planning Committee of Cuttack Municipality Corporation.
- Member of District Level Advisory Committee of PDS, Cuttack District Administration
- Member of District Task Force Committee on “Prohibition of Smoking in Public Places Rule-2008”.

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