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Shri. Somnath Chatterjee
Speaker of the Parliament
New Delhi

Dear Mr. Speaker,

As you are probably aware the Winter session of Parliament is likely to see the introduction of two very important bills namely the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and the amendments to the Freedom of Information Bill 2002.

The employment guarantee and the right to information are amongst the most important legislative initiatives undertaken in recent times. The introduction of these two bills marks the coming to fruition of several years of sustained advocacy supported by careful research and concerted public action in which we and several others have been involved individually and through our campaigns.

We would therefore greatly appreciate an opportunity to meet and place before you our concerns and views with regard to these two matters of the highest public importance. Notwithstanding the constraints on your time we hope that you will provide us with an opportunity to meet you at the earliest. Prashant Bhushan has already spoken to you on our behalf and will speak to you further in this regard.

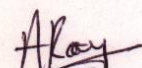
Thanking you,

Your Sincerely,

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