

Press Release – February 2004

Vice President of India Grants Audience for the Blind Foundation for India (BFI) Project

Hon'ble Shri Bhairon Singh Sekhawat, Vice President of India graciously provided an audience to learn about blind welfare activities in India and key support provided by the **Blind Foundation for India (BFI) in USA**. Shri Sekhawat took keen interest in BFI activities and was highly appreciative of the resources being mobilized by the **Blind Foundation for India (BFI), USA**, to promote the cause of visually impaired in India. In a meeting in New Delhi with **Dr. Manu Vora, Founder President of BFI**, the Vice President was happy to note of significant financial resources being provided by the Foundation.

Dr. Vora highlighted key accomplishments of the Foundation in providing **67 Mobile Vans** for conducting eye camps, making available **6,000 Braille Kits** to schools for the visually impaired, financially supporting **60,000 free cataract surgeries** and assisting towards **prevention of nutritional blindness amongst 60,000 children** through the supply of **Vitamin A and Measles vaccinations**. So far, the Foundation has raised **over \$2 Million** and **helped over a Million** visually impacted people in India. Much of the work of the Foundation is being done in association with the **National Association for the Blind (NAB) India** along with many non-profit organizations throughout India. **Ret. General O. P. Malhotra**, President of NAB, Delhi, and **Padma Shri Dr. Rajendra Vyas**, Honorary Secretary General of NAB also appraised the Vice President of the activities of the National Association for the Blind.

Mr. T. Hasan, NAB Liaison Officer, **Mrs. Shalini Khanna**, NAB Project Coordinator for Center for Blind Women, and **Mr. Manoj Goel**, Chairman of Aadya Industry also attended the meeting.



In the photograph, people from left to right are: General O.P. Malhotra, Dr. Manu Vora, Hon'ble Shri Bhairon Singh Sekhawat, Dr. Rajendra Vyas, and Mr. T. Hasan.

If you want to help over **13 million blind individuals in India**, please send your tax-deductible (Tax Exempt No. 36-3663471) contributions to **BFI, P. O. Box 3971, Naperville, IL 60567-3971**. Their blessings are with you!