

SOUTH ASIA REPORT

Report given by Eswaran (AIPTF)

In his presentation Mr.Eswaran highlighted the problems faced by teachers, teacher unions and the people.

He highlighted that a huge number of teachers are unqualified and underpaid. A large number cannot join the union for fear of losing their jobs.

A large number of children do not attend school because of poverty and governments inability to assist. Those who attend, the class size is to large for them to get quality education. Others are in schools but do not get quality education because there are as many as 200 children in a classroom.

Many teachers and children have been victims of human conflicts on a very large scale such as in Sir Lanka. Immediate attention is needed from Education International and the World to reduce human suffering from ethnic conflict.

He thanked the development cooperation partners for assisting teacher unions in South Asia and reminded that a lot still needs to be done.