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PRESS RELEASE

High-level delegation of BMS met the union Labour minister on long-pending issues – Minister responded positively.

The Union Labour minister, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, has promised to look into the issues raised by BMS, particularly increasing the ceiling limits of ESI and EPF and substantially increasing the Minimum Pension amount from Rs 1000/.

A high-level delegation of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), led by Sri Ravindra Himte, General Secretary, met Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Labour & Employment, in New Delhi and submitted a memorandum on the long-pending workers' issues that have an all-India impact.

The BMS has demanded that the Indian Labour Conference be convened at the earliest possible date, increase the ceiling limits of EPF & ESI, Bonus calculation limits, and Gratuity entitlement limits from 15 days to 30 days; substantially increase the Minimum Pension amount from Rs 1000; and increase the Honorarium & Incentives to all Scheme Workers.

The BMS highlighted the plight of different forms of contract workers across the Private, Public, and Government Sectors. It explained in detail about the Cases of IOCL, Private Telecom, State Electricity Boards, ESIC, Air India Express, Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant, etc. The delegation demanded that the Government strictly implement Clause 25(2)(5)(A) of the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act 1970, which clearly says – "the Contract worker should be paid the same and similar wages at par with the workman employed by the employer in any establishment". The delegation demanded stringent action against contractors/ contract agencies that violate the rules, harass, and exploit contract workers.

The BMS also requested the Minister to establish a Welfare Board for all types of Drivers belonging to Private Transport, which exists throughout India. The delegation includes Sri Surendra Kumar Pandey, Dy General Secretary; B Surendran, Organising Secretary; National Secretaries Sri Girish Arya and Sri Ramnath Ganeshe; Sri Anupam, Zonal Organising Secretary.

The Minister patiently heard all the issues, discussed the implications of the demands, and promised the delegation that the Government would consider these issues seriously and take positive steps at the earliest possible date. Responding to the problem of IPO in the Regional Rural Banks (RRB), which is pending before the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central), the Minister has assured the delegation that he will speak with the Hon. Finance Minister to resolve this issue.

Sincerely,

(Ravindra Himte)