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MP government want a loan of Rs.1000 Crore from BOCW Board for the Migrant Returnees

Dear Friends,

Madhya Pradesh Government has filed an application in Supreme Court seeking “amendments “in the ‘Orders’ of the Supreme Court during the hearing of the NCC-CL Petition that **‘the funds available with the welfare Board shall not be utilised by the State Government for any other heads of expenditure of the State govt.**

Since the revenue collection of the State Govt. has reduced due to Covid-19 and a large number of migrant labourers have returned to Madhya Pradesh, the State Govt. want to borrows 1000 Crore Rs. from the MP BOCW Board which has about 1985 Crore Rupees in its Bank Account. The MP Govt. has also referred to the directions of the Supreme Court on the 9th June 2020 Order in *Suo Moto* Writ Petition (C) No 6/2020 giving **details directions to all the State Governments to provide benefits of all the schemes to the migrant workers.**

Madhya Pradesh Govt. has been silent on the fact that till mid 2017 it had registered only 58% of the 50 Lakh Construction Workers in Madhya Pradesh and spent only about 900 crore Rs.in 14 years, till then 42% of the total Cess fund or **Rs. 64 Crore per year.** Then why does MP Govt. want to spent **one thousand Crore rupees on migrant returnees within one year?** MP Govt. has also not disclosed exactly how many numbers of Migrant Workers have returned Madhya Pradesh **and how many of them are Construction Workers?** Also the

Govt. has not disclosed **how and on what Scheme they want to spent one thousand crore rupees in one year?**

Friends, soon other State Governments are bound to join the application of MP State Govt. seeking a loan from their respective State BOCW Cess Funds. **Gujarat Chief Minister Fund** has already **taken Rs.250/- Crore** from the Gujarat BOCW Board without waiting for the SC clearance. Central Government has also proposed a **Mission Mode Project** which will cause a drain of Rs.742 per annum per beneficiary, totalling to **Rs,7420 crore per annum** for the ten crore Construction Workers in the Country.


The MP State Construction Workers registration was reported as 31 Lakh in November 2019 in answer to a question in Parliament. But when it came to deliver the Covid relief the MP Board reported that there were only 12.63 lakh workers and it could deliver Covid relief benefit for only 8.91 lakh Construction Workers.(From MMP Advisory Guidelines)

We request all the NCC-CL constituents of different States/UTs to remain alert and educate Construction Workers to actively participate in the campaign **to save the BOCW Acts to save the BOCW Boards.**

Please do write to the Prime Minister as per the advice of NCC-CL if you have not done it so far. Please read the enclosed application very carefully.

With thanks

Your Sincerely,



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