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Dear Friends,

This circular is a follow up to the 12-13 Feb. 2020 meeting of the Construction Workers Campaign and the Unorganised Sector Campaign held at Delhi.

The NCC-CL has decided to make a change in the date of the national rally of construction workers to be held at Delhi, from 17th March 2020 to 24th March 2020. You are requested to translate a gist of this letter to the Prime Minister in local languages and organize signature campaigns on the letter among construction workers. Please make a photocopy of the letter and signatures for the NCC-CL office before sending it to the office of the Prime Minister at your earliest, because the remaining three Codes are likely to be passed by the Parliament before March end.

As known to all of us in the NCC-CL, the Labour Codes introduced in the Parliament, the Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (OSHWC) and the code on Social Security Code (SS), if legislated, will lead to repeal of BOCW Acts and USWSS Act etc., leading to dissolution of Welfare Boards and denial of rights of registered workers including pensioners. The Union Labour Minister has announced that OSHWC Code will be passed in the Budget Session.

In the NCC-CL meeting held on 12th Feb. 2020, it was decided to take forward the National Campaign to "Save BOCW Acts" to include Unorganized Workers' Welfare Boards. Hence, it has been proposed to organize Nation-wide Demonstrations of BOCW & Unorganised Workers in State Capitals on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 to demand withdrawal of Codes and to stop repeal of BOCW Acts, other Sectoral Laws and USWSS Act.

It has also been decided to organize a National Rally of Construction and Unorganised Workers before Parliament on 24th March 2020 at New Delhi.

You are also requested to contact all organisations who are working with those unorganized sector workers which are likely to be adversely affected by the repealing of the Sectoral acts.

You are requested to please send to the NCC-CL office, the names of contact persons, mobile numbers, email and postal addresses of such organisations who are willing to participate in the nationwide campaign to save the BOCW Acts and other Welfare Boards.

Before the nation-wide demonstration, please contact MPs and request them to raise questions and also represent to State Govts. for passing resolutions in the State Assemblies to “Save BOCW Act and other Welfare Boards.”

You are requested to please send to the NCC-CL office information about the 3rd March 2020 rallies at State Capitals, the number of participants and in the rallies and photographs of the rallies.

All Unions are requested to not only to make the Nationwide agitation a great success but also join the Rally to be held on Tuesday 24th March 2020 in Delhi to Parliament in large numbers.

With thanks,
Yours sincerely,

Subhash Bhatnagar

Enclosed
Second Letter of Construction Workers to the Prime Minister