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### INVITATION

**“Save the BOCW Acts Campaign”**  
**Planning Meeting on Saturday 29-12-2018**  
**At Delhi – Venue will be communicated soon**

Dear Friends,

On the basis of the advice received from the constituents of NCC-CL, it has been decided to start a nationwide mass mobilisation campaign among the construction workers, trade unions, legislators and Parliamentarians against the proposal of the Central Government to repeal the BOCW Acts, 1996 and their amalgamation in two proposed Labour Codes on Social Security and Occupational Health and Safety.

This proposal to **Save the BOCW Acts Campaign** was endorsed by the State level meeting of various organisations working with construction workers in Gujarat in the 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2018 meeting at Ahmedabad.

NCC-CL has shared with you all the important documents vide its Circular dated 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 2018, including the 3<sup>rd</sup> version of the Labour Code on Social Security and Welfare, 2018. In this version government has agreed to leave ESI and Provident Fund Organisation out of the coverage of this Codes but the Government has not agreed to leave out the two BOCW Acts from these Codes. NCC-CL has requested the Government and all Central Trade Unions for their support, on very sound reasoning for leaving out the BOCW Acts from the coverage under the two Labour Codes.

With this circular we are enclosing a letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 from the Union Labour Secretary to all the Chief Secretary of States and UTs with which the **Model Welfare Scheme** and an **Action Plan for Strengthening the Implementation Machinery** is also enclosed. By Saturday we will circulate the summary of this Model Welfare Scheme and the Action Plan in Hindi.

Because of the uncertainty created in the continuation of the BOCW Acts, the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 **Judgment of the Supreme Court of India on the NCC-CL is not being implemented properly.**

All the construction worker and their trade unions should take up the closing of the 36 BOCW Welfare Boards in all States and UTs seriously and prepare to oppose this move with all their might.

A large number of Central Trade Unions have called for a **nation-wide strike on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**. All the Central Trade Unions supporting this strike have been opposing the proposal of four Labour Codes. BOCW Acts are the only Acts which have created 36 BOCW Boards to provide Children Education, Health and Maternity and Pension to over ten crore construction workers. So far **over one crore construction workers have received direct benefit in over twenty states and UTs** in the country. Now it is likely to be closed down for several years if construction workers fail to resist the closer of the BOCW Board. **Therefore Construction Workers should participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 Strike.**

The 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2018 meeting of the NCC-CL is called to **plan effective resistance all over the country.**

Due to non-availability of fund to pay travel and meetings expenses NCC-CL has decided to call the participants of only North India in the 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2018 Meeting. For the Organizations of construction workers from South India **another meeting of the NCC-CL will be organized at Hyderabad or Bangalore or Chennai in January 2019. please confirm your participation for this meeting in advance and enquire if you want NCC-CL- to pay travel expenses as we have very limited resources**

NCC-CL will be able to mobilize only **AC three tier fair** for about ten participants for the 29<sup>th</sup> December 2018 Delhi meeting. We shall be very thankful if some organizations can incur the travel and accommodation expenses at Delhi on their own. We will be able to organize very simple accommodation at our office space only. We shall be thankful to other organizations for sharing this irresponsibility also. We would also like to request all organizations to **start raising funds from the construction workers for Save the BOCW Acts Campaign.**

With thanks

Yours sincerely

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Encl. :

1. Labour Secretary Letter dt. 30-10-2018
2. NCC-CL letter dt. 10-12-2018 to BMS President