

## Letter to Trade Unions

Dear Friends,

Your urgent attention is required towards **amendments the tabled by the Government in Rajya Sabha** in the Building & Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Condition of Service) Act, 1996 and the Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess 1996 which are likely to be passed in the monsoon session of Parliament but **which are not rational**.

To understand **the background of these amendment** it is important to know the proceedings and interim Orders of the Supreme Court of India on the Public Interest Litigation of the NCC-CL before the Court ( CWP Number 318 of 2006). We are enclosing the draft of recent contempt petition and two crucial Orders, including the recent show cause notice on it.

The Union Government has failed in calling a national consultation of the stake holder in spite of the advice given by the Supreme Court in the concluding para of Order dated 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2010 (enclosed) and our repeated reminders. The government amendments are based on the recommendation of a six member working group.

You are requested to go through the enclosed documents carefully and **send your suggestion at the earliest**.

NCC-CL is organizing a one day dharna on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at Parliament to consolidate the suggestions which are being received from our constituents. You are further requested to **participate in this Dharna cum meeting to consolidate the suggestions required on amendments actually required in the 1996 Acts**. A team of NCC-CL will meet the leaders of all political parties in parliament to provide them our suggestion and request them to ask the parliament to **refer the amendments to the select committee or standing committee** to consider suggestions of stake holders. You are also requested to inform us if you can spare some time in the evenings to meet the leaders of political parties in the Parliament to provide them our suggestions.

Expecting your suggestion, your participation in the dharna and your participation with the team to meet the MPs.

With thanks

Yours sincerely

SUBHASH BHATNAGAR