Letter to the MPs

Dear Friends,

Your urgent attention is required towards the amendments 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 18th 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.

NCC-CL is organizing a one day dharna on 24th April 2013 at Parliament to consolidate the suggestions which are being received from our constituents. A team of NCC-CL representatives will visit you as soon as the next session of Parliament is starting. We request you to please spare some time with our team to consider our suggestions.

Due to short notice, we request you to please ask the Parliament to **refer the amendments to the select committee or standing committee** to consider suggestions of stake holders.

Expecting your support and your participation in the dharna.

With thanks

Yours sincerely

SUBHASH BHATNAGAR