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BMS calls nationwide agitation against Anti-Labour Budget; Rethinking to attend Indian Labour Conference (ILC)

The 141 Kendriya Karya Samithi (National Executive Committee) meeting of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh has called nationwide agitation against Central Government's anti-labour policies. The KKS has directed all its Unions to observe February 20th as "Black Day" and hold union level protest demonstrations, wear black badges & hold gate meetings.

The KKS strongly condemns the Central Government for not keeping any of its promises made to BMS delegation on 17 November 2017 after the historical Delhi rally.

The protest is against, the negligent attitude of Central Government towards labour problems. Indian workers belonging to different Central Trade Unions have put forth burning issues of labour before the government. But the Union Budget 2018 was totally silent about any of the issues raised by Unions.

After a long gap of 3 years, the 46th Indian Labour Conference is scheduled to be held on 26th & 27th Feb 2018 at New Delhi which will be inaugurated by Prime Minister himself. The KKS has directed all its Districts, States & Industrial Federations to hold Dharnas, huge demonstrations at District Head quarters, State Capitals and Industrial Estates on 26 & 27 February 2018. In this connection, a huge demonstration before ILC venue will also be organised at New Delhi on 26th February to mount pressure of Central Government to resolve labour issues.

The major demands of BMS among 24 main demands are- 1.increasing honorarium to Aanganwadi workers and also bringing them under Social Security coverage ; 2.Reimbursement of Cess amount to concerned labour welfare boards affected due to GST ; 3.Enhancing EPS pension from Rs1000/ to Rs5000/ ;4.Providing special funds to Sick PSUs which can be *revived* ; 5.Hiking Income Tax exemptions to salaried sections up to Rs 5 Lakhs; 6.withdrawing anti-labour provisions bringing under the garb of Labour Law Reforms ; 7.Hiking Unorganised Social Security fund up to Rs 2000/ crores ;8.Implementation of Supreme Court verdict on Equal pay to Equal work”; 9.Resolve problems of Contract workers etc. Besides 44 National levels Industrial Federations of BMS also have raised their demands with the respective ministries.

The Inter Ministerial Committee headed by Union Finance Minister had promised that, it will fulfil many of demands raised by BMS and other Central Trade Unions. But, nothing has been mentioned in the Budget 2018 -19.

The BMS demands the Central Government, to review the budget immediately and to take steps to redress the grievances. **If, the Union Government does not take any step before 25th February 2018, the BMS will rethink its participation in the forthcoming Indian Labour Conference.**

The KKS meeting has concluded at Ambaji of Gujarat on 8th February. 164 delegates including 15 women representing all the States and 44 Industrial Federations have attended the KKS meetings. It has passed three resolutions viz. 1.Create separate Ministry for Fishing Industry; 2.Improve pathetic conditions of Contract Labour; 3. Protest against anti labour budget.

Yours faithfully,



(Virjesh Upadhyay)
General Secretary