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To

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Sri B.V. Patil

Chairman-Committee on Petitions

Lok Sabha

SUB: CONSTRUCTION WORKERS BILL-

Introduction in the Rajya Sabha by Government-Regarding.

Sir,

We remember with extreme satisfaction the opportunity that was given by the committee on petitions, to members of the National Campaign Committee headed by Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer. We were eagerly awaiting your report to the Parliament in this regard.

We are given to understand that the Committee has since finalised its report and that it is to be submitted to the Parliament during the current session. We are indeed obliged to the committee for its speedy deliberations.

Meanwhile we have come to know a few days ago, that the bill which was introduced by the Government in the Rajya Sabha on December 5, 1988, has been slated for discussion in the Rajya Sabha as the first item in the legislative agenda. To our knowledge, the Tripartite Working Group on construction Industry set up by the Government of India, has not yet submitted its report.

In these circumstances the introduction of the Bill in the Rajya Sabha (which according to all concerned unions, and organisations including National Campaign Committee, is wholly inadequate)- without the benefit of reports from the Committee on Petitions and the Tripartite Working Group does not reflect well on the role and relevancy of these institutions. It would be very unfair and unjust to the toiling construction workers, who are looking forward to meaningful social justice to them and not legislative pretence. We are indeed anguished.

We therefore thought it proper to urge your goodself, to impress upon the Hon'ble Minister for Labour, to await the submission of the report of the committee on Petitions and the propriety and desirability of taking any further action in regard to the Bill, thereafter.

We further think, with which you may also kindly agree, that the Hon'ble Minister be requested by you to refer the pending bill to the Joint Select Committee without any further discussion in the Rajya Sabha.

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We would be highly obliged if you could kindly respond to the requests made herein.

We are also seperately addressing a letter to the Hon'ble Minister, in this regard,

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

R. Venkataramani
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for (Justice V.R.Krishna Iyer)