

Draft from G. R Venkataswami
to Mr TS Sankaran

Hon'ble Prime Minister,

We are thankful to you for a very fruitful and promising meeting we had with you on ___ Sept. 1996. Your quick response and assurance to bring about the appropriate amendments to the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Bill 1996, is deeply appreciated. Vast segments of construction workers and their concerned union who have been conveyed this development, also join us in thanking you for this considered assurance.

2. 8 years ago, the petition committee of Parliament was approached by the National Campaign Committee for Construction Workers. The NCC-CL submitted a draft law ~~xx~~ prepared in consultation and after discussions with construction workers and their representatives through out the country. The Petition Committee of Parliament considered the draft law as well as a Bill proposed by the then Government. The Committee found that the draft law by the NCC-CL was ^{to} appropriate, relevant and workable and therefore conveyed the Government to enact the law for the construction workers on the same lines. The basic crux of the said draft is the enforcing ~~xxxxxx~~ mechanism in the form of Construction Workers Board which will regulate the employment of construction workers, supervise their conditions of service and enforce the welfare and other obligations. The Board is to be tripartite in character. The model ^{of welfare} existing provisions for enforcement in other labour legislations, was found to be inappropriate.

3. The bill now introduced in the parliament ^{has} ~~is~~ very salient provisions, ^{concerning} ~~the construction~~ matters of welfare and other benefits. But the construction workers Welfare Board