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Sub: - Decision To Fight Against Novel Corona (Covid-19)

Respected sir,

Your second address to the nation on this subject within 120 hours was received with utmost attention by one and all across the nation may be (abroad too) it reflected highest level of commitment and determination to fight the corona virus which has created havoc around the world. On part of both the government, awakened citizen and frontline employees serving the people in emergency of the nation jointly for which they deserve appreciation (employees need cash-award and reward to keep their moral high).

It is quite clear that the corona virus is very close to enter in phase-3 that is community phase. As a responsible central trade union of the nation we are very much concerned on the possible impact of corona virus and also of the measures taken to control the same. May it one day janta curfew or curfew by some states and most recently your good self appeal to the countrymen for nationwide lockdown for 21 days with effect from midnight from 24th march on 00 hours of 25th march till 14th April there is no scope of any disagreement "as far as seriousness of the situation and need of the country with complete lockdown for 21 days" is concerned there is a need to increase the more fund for health sector keeping in view the danger of COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

HIND MAZDOOR SABHA assure it's full support for any genuine measures taken by state/ union government to fight "corona virus" at the same time would very much like to know whether honorable Prime minister as a leader of the government/nation and also will announce some relief (financial package, supply free food to the poor workers and their family members to survive the crisis). We believe that no Indian citizen would ever think of even disagreeing with the proposal what to say of opposing it.

Honorable prime minister as appealed people to maintain social distancing (at least a distance of 2 meters) but we fail to understand as to hold a family of six members staying in a 6x6 room in slum can maintain this distance can we ignore the fact that millions of workers engaged in the unorganized sector like hawkers/street vendors, rack pickers, head loaders, mason, carpenter, electricians, mechanic, various technical jobs, agriculture, domestic, taxi, uber, ola, auto rickshaw, e- rickshaw drivers, contract workers, migrant workers, construction sector, home based, ware house, fishries, forest, horticulture, workers engage in supply chain, earning their wage on the basis of their work done daily, keshunut, coconut, jute, port and dock contract workers in loading and unloading of consignment their counterpart in Indian railways, road transport, coal mines contract workers, defence civilians contract workers, plantation, stone crusher, brick kiln, beedi, kendu patta and millions of engaged in textiles, fire crackers, match factories etc. Either on daily wages (based on quantum of work done) or on piece rate. Majority of them are not having any verifiable employers-employee relationship, may not have any ration card what to say of bank account, we cannot also ignore the fact that more than 93% informal workers of around 500 million workforce of the country constitute these workers the complete lockdown will render them out of employment and may push there families to starvation. If there has been mention of some measure proposed for providing any relief to above workers in both the address of honorable prime minister would be highly appreciated.

There was a very least mention by some of the state government to provide relief of Rs 1000/- (may be per month) for a family of at least for (husband, wife, and 2 children) can it be termed as appropriate? This will benefit only to those building and other construction workers only who are registered (that too cess fund, not from any

separate government grant). How the workers who are not registered, who do not have any verifiable proof of their employment but working, are the bread earner for the family will be compensated and to what extent the issues need serious consideration and early redressal by your good self.

Million of taxi ola, uber drivers, cab owners/drivers, auto rickshaw and rickshaw driver who will loose their earning due to lockdown will manage two end meals, for their families and other essentials expenditure and more importantly the payment of equal monthly installment of loan they have taken for purchase of auto/E-rickshaw/ taxi (ola,uber) etc.

The government has been very considerate to the need of business by offering number of packages to entrepreneurs. We are confident that the government would be equally sympathetic to the needs of the most vulnerable poor, unprotected workers belonging to the weaker section of the society so that they may also render their whole hearted support to campaign against corona which will once again prove that "WE CAN DO IT".

WITH PERSONAL REGARDS

YOURS SINCIERLY,



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