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Legislation for job security of contract workers soon: Bandaru Dattatreya

Centre will soon bring a legislation for job security of contract workers, Union Minister Bandaru Dattatreya said today.

“The Centre will soon bring a legislation for the job security of contract workers, and relevant rules will also be made to make their salary payment through banks only,” the Minister of State for Labour and Employment said at an event here.

ESIC and EPFO services will be made available for nearly 43 crore workers working in the unorganised sector soon. By 2022, housing facility will be provided to all workers, he said, speaking at the Vishwakarma Day -National Labour Day celebrations organised by Ministry of Labour and Employment here.

The Minister also said by utilising the financial assistance of Mudra Bank, workers should become entrepreneurs and should provide employment to others.

Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Mudra bank has provided Rs 1.8 lakh crore all over the country, he added.

Dattatreya said the government has decided to celebrate ‘Vishwakarma Day’ as National Labour Day on September 17 every year, to remember his contributions for the working class.

“Vishwakarma invented many types of equipment for the livelihood of thousands of workers. He should be considered as first engineer in the country and his contributions should be highlighted,” Dattatreya was quoted as saying in an official release.

“As said by Modi, every worker is a ‘Shram Yogi’, ‘Karma Yogi’ and should become as ‘Rashtra Yogi’ to take part in the nation’s building,” he said.

The Centre has focused on wage security, job security and social security and has taken many initiatives for the benefit of the workers. Increasing minimum wages, maternity benefits and bringing amendments in Child Labour Prohibition Act are some of them, he said.

Dattatreya also said the existing 44 labour laws will be categorised into 4 codes and there will be complete protection for the labour welfare.

Telangana BJP President and local MLA K Laxman, representatives of various labour unions and workers attended the programme.